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BRITISH FAR EAST POLICY AROUSING SPECULATION

MUSSOLINI LANDING MORE MEN IN SPAIN?

London, To-day.
A sensation has been created here by reports from Gibraltar that Mussolini is landing further troops in Spain.
Alleged eye-witnesses of the landing stated, on arrival at Gibraltar, that the total exceeded 25,000 in 24 hours.

AIR RAID SYRENS' TEST ON FRIDAY

New air raid warning tests are planned in the Colony.

Syrens have now been erected at various points on the Island and it is intended to test them at 2.15 p.m. and 2.25 p.m. on Friday.

It is of importance that all residents should recognise the sound of the syrens and the meaning of the signals.

The first test at 2.15 p.m. on Friday will be the "Air Raid Warning" signal, and will consist of a fluctuating or warbling sound and the whole signal will extend over a period of three minutes.

This signal would indicate that an air raid might occur within a few minutes.

The second test at 2.25 p.m. will be the "Raiders Passed" signal, and will consist of a steady blast extending over a period of three minutes.

This signal would indicate that the hostile aircraft have left the area, or that the threat of a raid was no longer imminent.

BLACK-OUT LATER

If these tests are satisfactory, it is intended in the near future and subject to Government approval to hold a practice black-out exercise at which the above-mentioned signals will be used, and residents will be required to observe stringent lighting restrictions to an endeavour to make the Colony as invisible as possible from the air during the dark hours.

Tokyo, To-day.
Conviction is growing here that the Shanghai conference between Sir Robert Craigie and Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr foreshadows new action by Britain in the Far East.

Political quarters here infer that a direct outcome of the conference will be noted shortly in a stiffening of British policy towards Japan, and it is suggested that Sir Archibald is going to Chungking to secure Chinese co-operation.

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, declared yesterday on his return from Shanghai that his journey to China had no special political significance. He declared that British Policy towards the Far East conflict would remain unchanged.

Nevertheless, the Japanese press declares that Britain, France and the United States are working in harmony and intend to exert pressure on Japan in order to compel action on third Power grievances.

The papers declare that Japan will not allow herself to be

affected by any British measure. —Our Own Correspondent and Trans-Ocean.

SIR ARCHIBALD GOING IN DESTROYER

The British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, who arrived in Hong Kong this morning on board the B. and S. steamer "Taiyuan" from Shanghai, declined to make any statement to the Press.

Sir Archibald, who is spending the day at Government House, is leaving in H.M.S. Delight this evening for Haiphong, French Indo-China, en route to Chungking.

The Ambassador will probably fly from Hanoi to the Chinese capital.

GERMANY GIVES WARNING TO POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Ambassador to Berlin, M. Lipski, arrived here on Tuesday evening and was immediately received by the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck.

M. Lipski informed Colonel Beck on a talk he had had before leaving Berlin with the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, when the German Government was officially informed of the Anglo-Polish Pact, and the German Foreign Minister explained the German point of view.

It is stated that Colonel Beck will receive the German Ambassador to Warsaw, Herr von Moltke, on Wednesday. — Trans-Ocean.

ITALY CALLS FIVE CLASSES TO COLOURS

Rome, To-day.

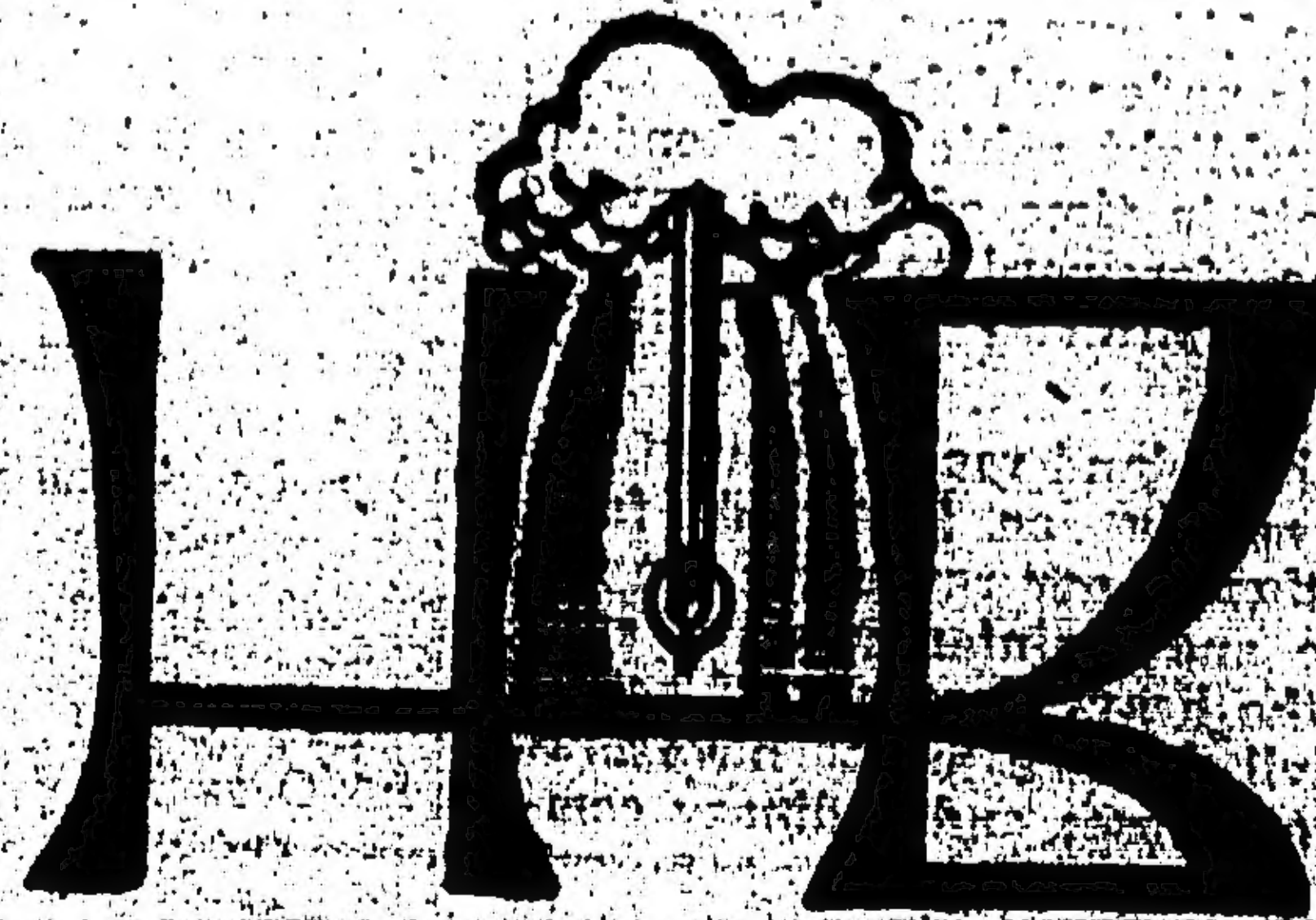
The calling up of different Italian military classes during the past days is reported in the following semi-official report of the Stefani News Agency issued last evening:

"With the calling up of the classes of 1911 and 1912, in addition to the classes of 1917 and 1918, and a certain percentage of the class of 1919, which is now undergoing service, as well as of specialists from other classes, the effective strength of the Italian standing army has attained an imposing figure.

Should extraordinary circumstances not necessitate additional measures, further classes will not be called up." — Trans-Ocean.

No siren tests will be carried out for the present in London or in the New South Wales.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

ROAD CENSUS FOR WAR TRANSPORT

Every Vehicle On National Service Petrol Rations

Plans for the war time organisation of Britain's road transport are almost complete. They include the formation of special traffic groups — and the strict rationing of petrol.

On the commercial side, all owners of vehicles—from the one-man-baker's van to the large scale operator's fleets of six-wheelers—are now forming themselves into emergency groups. On the passenger side, a scheme worked out by the Ministry of Transport is under close examination.

In the past few days all transport owners have been filling in forms which will give a complete census of the goods transport vehicles on the roads.

Each vehicle has been fully described—its make and year, its chassis model, its floor dimensions, height, unladen weight, type of fuel and usual civilian work.

Every owner has also received a Ministry of Transport booklet entitled "Organisation of Road Transport for a Defence Emergency" in which the plan for a nation-wide scheme is outlined.

All lorry owners are now forming themselves into groups with from 25 to 100 vehicles. The operators are choosing from among themselves an "organiser" for each group.

If and when an emergency arises, the use of the vehicles of a particular group will be determined by national necessity. Petrol rationing will be governed accordingly, and fuel will not be supplied to individuals, but only to the group.

Contracts for military service vehicles and A.R.P. vehicles are already issued in London.

DEFENCE AS FIRST CLAIM

Thus, each Group Organiser will know beforehand how many of his 25 to 100 vehicles are on military service, and will be able to decide how many can be transferred from luxury trades to necessary trades—such as food supply.

An operator who is forming a group in his own area, showed his contracts under which he is to supply searchlight vehicles to London regiments in time of emergency.

In the foreword to his booklet Transport Minister Lealie Burgin says:

"In this island road transport depends mainly on imported fuel. Great though our resources are for storage and maintenance of supplies, the heavy demands of active and civil defence must have first claim on these; and ordinary com-

mercial traffic will in all probability have to be rationed severely.

"The road transport industry with 500,000 vehicles is made up of some 200,000 operators; and under war conditions full use cannot be made of the industry if there are thousands of individuals each going his own way."

QUEEN GERALDINE SERIOUSLY ILL

Paris, To-day.

Queen Geraldine of Albania is suffering from puerperal fever, the Athens correspondent of the "Intransigent" states.

The Queen, who had given birth to a son two days before Italy invaded Albania, is said to be in a serious condition. The best gynaecologists of Athens have been summoned to her sickbed. — Trans-Ocean.

MARKED IMPROVEMENT

Later.

The condition of Queen Geraldine has improved to an extent where her life is no longer in danger. The Queen is at present in Larissa, with other members of the Royal Family.

Larissa seems to have been chosen as the provisional place of refuge for Albanians of high rank, since in addition to the 184 persons making the Royal Suite, the Albanian Premier and 21 officers of the Army are staying there. — Trans-Ocean.

JEWS BANNED IN GERMAN ARMY

Jews are now excluded from German military service. They are thus placed in the same category as criminals, to whom the right is denied by law to service and to defend the country.

According to the military law, Reuter says, Jews were transferred to a reserve class which was only called up in case of emergency.

ITALIAN VIEW OF TURKISH STATEMENT

Rome, To-day.

The declaration made by the Turkish Premier to the National Assembly in Ankara yesterday that Turkey's armed strength was sufficiently great to enable her to defend herself and her neutrality, is described by the semi-official Italian news agency as an unambiguous definition of Turkey's attitude in the present situation.

The agency says that this declaration is especially valuable at the present moment, "when bellicose organs in the Democratic countries are endeavouring to lead public opinion astray by referring constantly to the guarantee pacts which serve no other purpose than encirclement of the totalitarian States." — Trans-Ocean.

AIR MAIL DAYS CHANGED

The revised summer schedules of Imperial Airways provide that as from April 24 arrivals in Hong Kong will be on Mondays and Thursdays instead of Wednesdays and Saturdays. Departures from Hong Kong will be on Tuesdays and Fridays as heretofore.

Transit times between Hong Kong and London will be 6 days Eastbound, and 6½ days Westbound. Between Hong Kong and Singapore transit times will be 2½ days by the service ex-Hong Kong on Tuesdays, and 3½ days by that ex-Hong Kong on Fridays. In the reverse direction mails will leave Singapore on Tuesdays, arriving on Thursdays, and on Fridays, arriving in Hong Kong the following Monday, a transit time of 2 and 3 days respectively.

PUBLIC WORKS FOR RELIEF

Washington, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed the \$100,000,000 Relief Bill for public works after rejecting a proposal to increase the amount to \$150,000,000. — Reuter.

JOAN NO LONGER A TONE

Los Angeles, To-day.

Joan Crawford was granted a divorce yesterday from her film star husband, Franchot Tone.

This was the second time of asking for Joan, as last month her application had been refused by the Judge.

Joan, to avoid a public appearance in court, had on that occasion given evidence by deposition, and the Judge, refusing the application, said the court was opposed to "mail order divorces."

"PERFECT MARRIAGE"

Granting of the application yesterday brings to an end Hollywood's "perfect marriage." It was Joan's second marriage, her first husband being Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

Grounds for divorce from Franchot Tone were mental cruelty, Joan alleging that her husband wanted to spend too much time in night clubs. — Reuter.

WU PEI-FU IGNORES ALL INVITATIONS

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

WANG KEH-MIN, HEAD OF THE PRO-JAPANESE "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT" HERE, RETURNED TO PEIPING YESTERDAY FROM NANKING, WHERE HE ATTENDED THE MEETING OF THE "UNITED COUNCIL."

Wang, in an interview, denied there was any connection between the "provisional government" and Wang Ching-wei, the exiled Kuomintang leader.

Wang Keh-min added that the possibility of forming a new "central government" was not even discussed at Nanking.

He admitted that invitations from the "government" to Marshal Wu Pei-fu, former Anfu war lord, to join in the pro-Japanese "government," had not even elicited a reply. — Reuter.

"SPECULATORS" ARRESTED

Moscow, To-day.

Seven "speculators" were arrested among the employees of a State department store of the Moscow city district of Lenan, according to an official announcement yesterday. The gang had systematically informed "professional buyers" of the arrival of "rare" goods and had sold the goods exclusively to them. The dishonest employees were compensated by receiving a percentage of the value of the goods.

A similar gang of five employees of another department store was arrested at the Moscow suburb of Danilovka. — Trans-Ocean.

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SHARP FALLS IN PRICES ON EUROPEAN MARKETS: PRESSURE ON GUILDER

London, To-day.
The sharp declines on the principal European Bourses yesterday came as no surprise on the reopening of the markets after the holidays. The Paris Bourse was depressed owing to a considerable volume of selling, with Rentes declining from one to two points.

At Amsterdam, leading stocks weakened up to 15 points, though nervousness was allayed somewhat by the speech of the Premier, Dr. Colijn.

On the other hand, though prices on the London Stock Exchange were marked down, not much selling pressure was visible.

British holders mostly refused to be stampeded, and further encouragement was derived from the smallness of Continental sales which, owing to the prevailing European nervousness, had been expected to be larger.

BUYING OF DOLLARS

The London foreign exchange market was not much affected, the rates of leading currencies remaining comparatively steady.

On the other hand, keen bidding for U.S. dollars was visible in Amsterdam, where the guilder rate was maintained only owing to large sales of U.S. dollars by the Dutch Equalisation Fund.—Reuter.

SYRIA PROBLEM

Paris, To-day.
The High Commissioner in Syria has arrived in Paris to report to the Government.

He saw the Foreign Minister, M. George Bonnet, in the afternoon.—Reuter.

SCHOOL OVERWHELMED BY AVALANCHE

Beine, To-day.
A children's boarding school near Berne was overwhelmed by an avalanche yesterday.

Five bodies have been recovered and it is understood 17 are entombed.

Rescue parties are working ceaselessly but there is no hope of bringing out alive those buried.—Reuter.

SPANISH AGAIN FIGHTA DA BULL

San Sebastian, To-day.

During the Easter holidays, bull-fighting began again in Spain, contests being held in Burgos, Zamora and Barcelona, attended by immense crowds, and in the presence of representatives of the authorities.

It had been thought that if General Franco won the war, bull-fighting would no longer be permitted.—Trans-Ocean.

Men Who Will Be Outlaws

A new weapon has been devised by the Government to deal with conscientious objectors and war resisters. They will be outlawed.

The plan which has been worked out by Sir John Anderson's department, is that conscientious objectors will not be put in prison. In effect, they will be deprived of citizenship.

In unofficial conversations it has been stated that they will not be allowed to take any job anywhere connected directly or indirectly with national service.

A well-known social worker who concerned himself with the welfare of conscientious objectors during the last war has discussed the scheme with a representative of the Government.

"Will war resisters be outlawed to starve?" he asked.

All the satisfaction he got was the statement that the Government would not stop war resisters from applying to the Public Assistance Committees for relief.

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SYNOPSIS OF 33rd ANNUAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1938

RESOURCES

First Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	U.S.\$ 5,191,519.10
First Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Insured Under the U.S. National Housing Act (FHA)	5,533,835.15
Loans to Policyholders, Secured by Legal Reserves on Policies	5,367,017.57
Government, Public Utility and Other Bonds	3,140,109.21
Stocks at Market Values	1,237,058.56
Real Estate Owned and Sold Under Contract	1,589,734.91
Home Office Building	774,709.67
Collateral Loans, Secured by First Mortgages and Real Estate	78,438.45
Premiums Outstanding and Deferred, Secured by Legal Reserves	846,091.53
Interest and Rents, Due and Accrued	203,345.23
Cash in Offices, in Banks and in Transit	766,516.15
Other Resources	170,975.14

TOTAL RESOURCES

U.S.\$24,899,350.67

LIABILITIES

Reserve on All Outstanding Policies	U.S.\$22,982,425.77
Reserve for Policy Claims and Losses Incurred	271,365.38
Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance	304,309.57
Reserve for Taxes Payable in 1939	46,858.17
Reserve for Dividends to Policyholders	188,380.41
Other Liabilities	132,368.49
Reserve for Contingencies in Real Estate	\$ 94,000.00
Reserve for Contingencies in Mortgage Loans	222,000.00
Reserve for General Contingencies	57,642.88
Capital Stock	375,000.00
Unassigned Surplus	225,000.00

TOTAL SURPLUS RESOURCES

U.S.\$ 973,642.88

TOTAL LIABILITIES

U.S.\$24,899,350.67

In 1938 there was an increase in insurance in force and in assets.

New Premiums amounted to	U.S.\$ 829,404.00	an increase over the previous year of 17.2%
Premiums received, new and renewal, total	U.S.\$4,431,450.00	" " " " " " " " 6.2%
Payments to policyholders for the year 1938 equalled	U.S.\$ 2,893,504.00	
Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries since the organization of the Company total	U.S.\$43,113,665.64	

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K.R.A. SEEKING TO EXPEDITE INTRODUCTION OF DOUBLE-DECK BUSES

THE Kowloon Residents' Association is moving in an effort to expedite the introduction of double-decker buses in Kowloon.

This is revealed in the official summary of the monthly meeting of the Association, at which the new President, Major C. M. Manners presided.

Many matters concerning Kowloon amenities were dealt with.

The question of bathing facilities at Laichikok Beach during the forthcoming bathing season was discussed and it was left to the Correspondence Sub-Committee to write to the Director of Medical Services asking if something might be done in the near future to render this beach available and safe for bathing purposes.

The Committee viewed with concern the many reports that had been received with regard to the dumping of refuse in the Harbour, particularly in Kowloon Bay and in the vicinity of Stonecutters Island. It appeared that the Sanitary Department barges were the chief offenders. A great deal of this flotsam was cast up at Taiwan Bay and other beaches in Kowloon and constituted a positive nuisance and menace to health. It was decided to write to the Director of Medical Services drawing his attention to this practice.

A letter from Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto was read in which he expressed his willingness as a member of the Urban Council to take up any matters affecting Kowloon. The Secretary was instructed to write thanking him for his offer of assistance.

SQUATTERS

The Markets and Sanitation Sub-Committee reported on the conditions existing in the area east of Grampian Road. They found that a large number of matchsheds and wooden huts had been built and more were in course of erection. It appeared to them that the inhabitants were squatters and probably had no right to erect these sheds.

It was decided to write again to the Urban Council in regard to this area, pointing out that these huts were in close proximity to residences in the district, that there was a grave danger of fire, and that the sanitary arrangements were a menace to the safety and health of the district.

BUS SERVICES

Several complaints were received with regard to Bus Services, especially the lack of passenger accommodation on various routes. Enquiries had elicited the fact that there were insufficient buses to take care of the increased traffic, but that new buses were being put on as soon as possible and that there was a probability of double-deck buses being permitted on the over crowded routes.

It was finally decided to write to the Colonial Secretary drawing his attention to the lack of passenger transport facilities in Kowloon and to enquire if anything could be done to expedite the inauguration of the proposed double-deck buses.

PLAYGROUND DISGRACE

The Playgrounds Sub-Committee reported that although the Public Works Department had informed the Association that the repairs required for the children's playgrounds would be put in hand, nothing had been done. The fencing at Cox's Road Playground was in a bad state of repair, holes therein having been made which permitted

entrance to anybody after the gates were locked, and it appeared that after dark it was still a rendezvous for undesirables. The latrines were in a filthy condition when examined on several occasions, and the smell emanating therefrom was very offensive.

It was decided to write to the Director of Public Works asking that some action be taken in the matter, and the playgrounds made fit for the use of the many children frequenting them.

REAR LIGHTS ON BICYCLES

The Traffic Sub-Committee again drew attention to the danger of the grass islands in Waterloo Road between Argyle Street and Prince Edward Road. As they are at present they constitute a very grave danger to motorcar drivers at night, and especially in rainy or foggy weather.

Reference was also made to the danger occasioned by cyclists, especially at night, and the Traffic Sub-Committee were instructed to investigate the possibility of compulsory carrying of rear lights on bicycles.

MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND

Mr. Li Chor Chi, the Association's representative on the Children's Playgrounds Association, was requested to bring up the question of the laying out of the proposed Memorial playground at the corner of Jordan Road and Canton Road at the next meeting of that body. The location had been cleared of the squatters' huts after a very dangerous fire, and the Committee thought that the preparation of this ground should be put in hand as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Association will be on the 2nd May; this will be the first of the open meetings to which the general public of Kowloon will be invited, and at which suggestions for the benefit of Kowloon will be gladly received.

The Committee hope that all members of the Association will attend, and that the general public will also consider themselves welcome.

NAVAL MEN AND TAXI-DRIVER

At the instance of Able Seaman S. W. C. Barton, of H.M.S. Medway, a taxi-driver, Fung Sing-pun, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this noon at the Kowloon Magistracy for assault.

Barton said that at about 2 a.m. on April 1, he and two shipmates left the Sun Sun Cafe in Nathan Road. His friends boarded a taxi, not defendant's, in Pakhoi Street, and called him to enter.

Just about to step into the taxi, he was struck on the back of his head and received another blow on the right eye when he turned his head. The man who struck him was defendant, who then ran away towards Nathan Road where he was seized by a Chinese constable.

Corroborative evidence was given by Able Seaman J. M. Nicholas and Leading Seaman N. W. Baker. The taxi driver said the three naval men chased him because they were under the influence of drink. The case is proceeding.

EVE OF THE "COMING WORLD WAR"

Shanghai, To-day.
"The festival of the holy anti-Comintern on the eve of the coming world war," is how the "Shanghai Mainichi," local Japanese newspaper, describes an anti-Comintern function which, according to the Japanese press, is scheduled to be held under the auspices of the "Anti-Comintern Cultural Society of Shanghai" at a Hongkew hotel next Saturday evening.

Prominent German, Italian and Japanese residents will participate, it is stated.

Eight hundred persons, according to the press, are expected to attend the affair, which will include a dance contest.—Reuter.

H.M.S. REPULSE MAY NOT GO TO CANADA

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE KING AND QUEEN, WHO WERE TO HAVE TRAVELLED TO CANADA IN THE BATTLESHIP "REPULSE," MAY, SAYS THE "YORKSHIRE POST," MAKE THE JOURNEY IN A LINER INSTEAD.

Reason is, says the paper, that owing to the international situation, H.M.S. Repulse cannot, in the view of the Admiralty, be spared.

For the same reason, the removal of guns from the fore-part of the battleship has not taken place, and certain structural alterations which had been contemplated, have not been proceeded with. — Trans-Ocean.

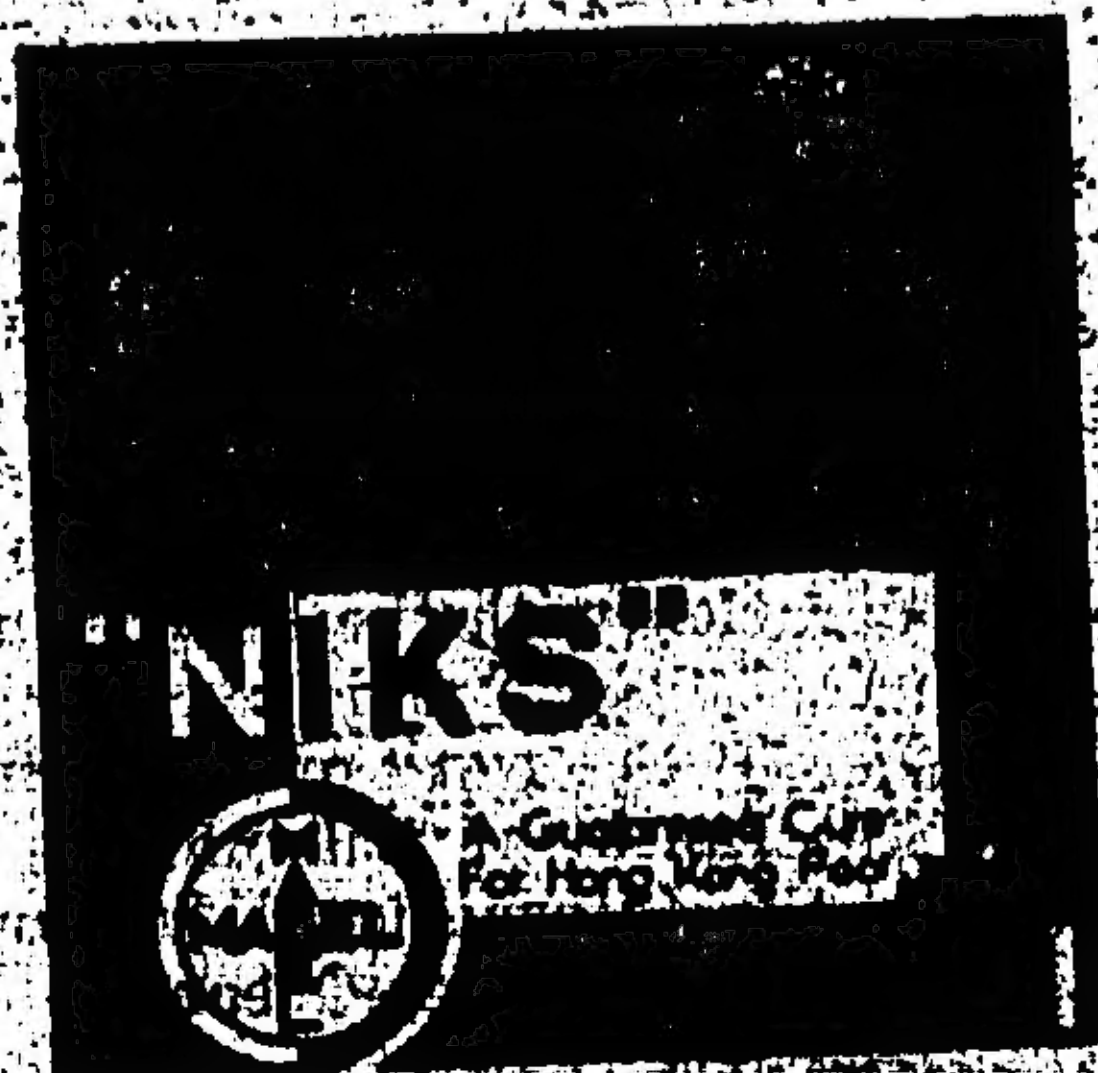
IRANIAN CROWN PRINCE'S WEDDING

Paris, To-day.
General Weygand left here yesterday to fly to Baghdad from where he will proceed to Teheran to represent the French Government at the celebrations held in connection with the marriage of the Iranian Crown Prince with Princess Fawziyah of Egypt.

The celebrations will last an entire week.—Trans-Ocean.

QUO TAI-CHI AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, To-day.
The Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, called at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon and stayed nearly an hour.—Reuter.



KAOAN BATTLE STILL RAGING

Changahu, To-day.
Fighting for Kaoan, 40 miles south-west of Nanchang, continues with great severity.

To the west of the town, the opposing forces are locked in a grim struggle at Wulipai while to the south Japanese batteries are keeping up a constant bombardment across the Chin River. — Central News.

WARM WEATHER IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.
London enjoyed another fine warm day following Monday's glorious Bank Holiday weather.

The afternoon temperature of 69 degrees Fahrenheit was eight degrees higher than on Monday and the highest for early April for five years.—British Wireless.

EARL OF ATHLONE LEAVES

London, To-day.
The Earl of Athlone and Princess Alice left Victoria yesterday afternoon for Teheran, where the Earl of Athlone is representing the King at the civil wedding ceremony of the Crown Prince of Iran. — British Wireless.

TIENTSIN'S NEW BRIGADIER

Tientsin, To-day.
Brigadier Sir John Laurie, Bt., new commander of British troops in the Tientsin area, arrived here last night from England.

Brigadier Laurie commanded the 2nd Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, from 1934 to 1938. — Reuter.

AND LITTLE AUDREY LAUGHED AND LAUGHED

Belfast, To-day.
The Minister of Labour said at the Ulster Teachers' Congress yesterday that they should reassure children in the case of hostilities, as children's minds turned too much to war if given the smallest encouragement. — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN TO GO TO ALDERSHOT

London, To-day.
The King and Queen are visiting the Aldershot Command on Thursday, when they will see the modern mechanised army in action. — British Wireless.

The P. and O. s.s. "Corfu" left Shanghai yesterday and is due here to-morrow at about 8 p.m.
The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Manila is due here at 5:30 p.m. and will berth at Kowloon Wharf.

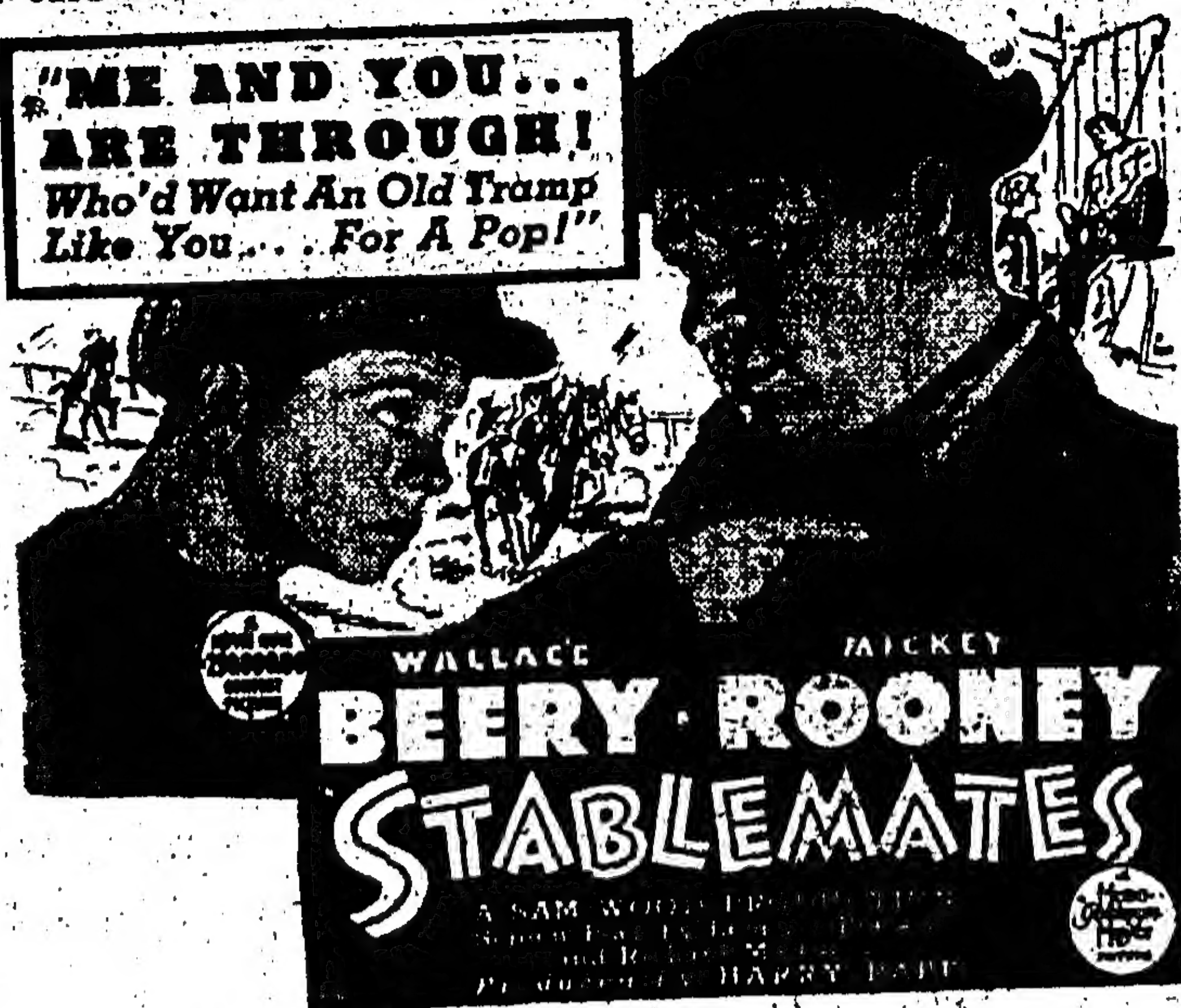
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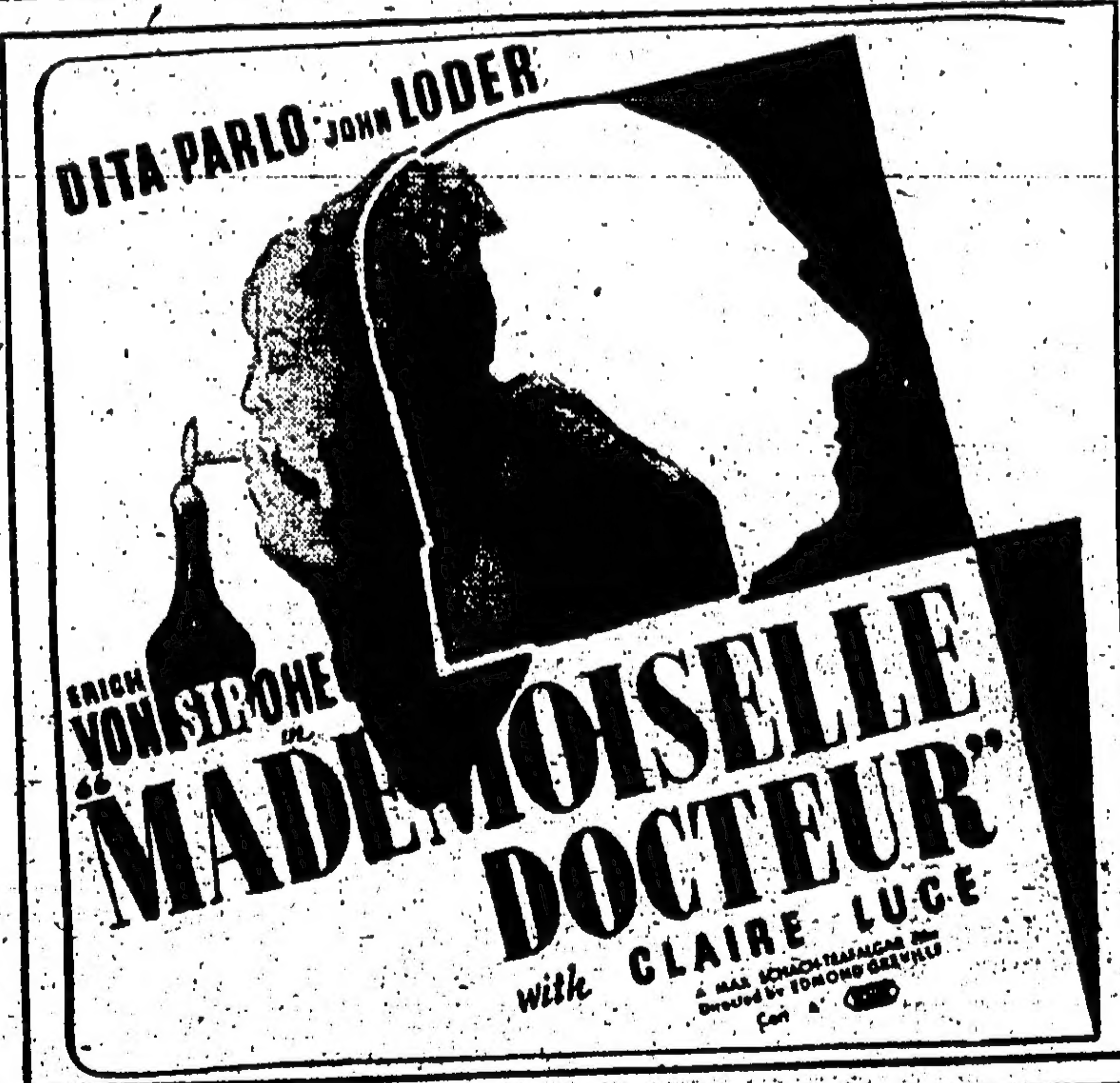
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France Sends Fresh Troops To Morocco

Paris, To-day.

At the conclusion of the French Cabinet meeting, which lasted 2½ hours on Tuesday night, the following communique was issued:

"The Cabinet meeting, presided over by the Premier, M. Daladier, after an examination of the foreign political situation, has passed the measures decided upon by the conference of ministers of National Defence on Tuesday morning.

"The Cabinet also examined a number of new measures which will, on Wednesday, be submitted to the President of the Republic, M. Lebrun."

NEW BID TO END PALESTINE DISPUTE

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

THE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS, BETWEEN LONDON AND CAIRO ON PALESTINE, UNEXPECTEDLY OPENED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT EASTER, HAVE CONCLUDED.

According to competent quarters, the British proposals, communicated by the Egyptian Ambassador in London, Machat Pasha, are regarded as a suitable basis of discussion.

They will be communicated and recommended to the leaders of the Palestine Arabs through Egyptian and Saudi-Arabian mediators. Their contents are not yet revealed but Egyptian political circles believe the essential point will be the establishment of a new Arab State.

The plan would include partition of Syria, with large parts of Northern Syria, particularly Aleppo, being offered to Turkey if she would be prepared to join the anti-German front. The remaining part of Syria would join the new Arab State under British control.—Trans-Ocean.

TROOPS TRANSFER TO EGYPT

Jerusalem To-day.

Two British Infantry battalions, one mechanised cavalry unit, one transport detachment and one battery of horse artillery left Palestine on Tuesday for Egypt.

It is declared that this is no exceptional measure and is to be regarded merely as a routine troop movement.—Trans-Ocean.

BIRCHING FOR SNATCHER

A tall Chinese youth, Wong Sing, 26, was this morning sentenced to 6 months and 8 strokes when he appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen on a charge of larceny.

Det. Sergt. Baldwin said the snatching might have been more serious, because the earrings were the pinched through the ear type, and the woman's ears might easily have been badly torn.

The accused who had only been in Hong Kong three months, was recommended for banishment.

Although French Cabinet Ministers have lately refused to make statements to the press on leaving the Rue Dominique, the "Paris Soir" believes that the measures decided upon were purely military, concerning the "line of defence" drawn by the Greek-Albanian frontier, as decided upon between France and Britain.

It is thought possible that the French Government will announce that the Franco-British Alliance will immediately become effective if Italy should pursue her military policy further into the Balkans and especially in Greece.

French political circles are, however, less interested in the precautionary measures in the Eastern Mediterranean than in the measures adopted in Morocco.

MOROCCO DEFENCE

After it became known that a large number of reservists had been called up and sent to Morocco, it was hinted that France may bring military pressure on Spanish Morocco, should General Franco show himself disinterested in immediate withdrawal of Italian volunteers from Spain.

It is believed that the French Cabinet meeting dealt especially with the military situation in French Morocco, because it is believed that the Italian position is the real danger to France.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARY WITHDRAWS FROM LEAGUE

Budapest, To-day.

Hungary has withdrawn from the League of Nations, the Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, having informed the Secretary General of the League, M. Avenol, of this decision by the Hungarian Government in the following telegram:

"I have the honour to inform you on behalf of the Hungarian Government that conformably with Article 1, Paragraph 3 of the League Covenant, Hungary herewith announces her resignation from the League. I should like to state on this occasion that the Hungarian Government intends to continue its co-operation with the League in the technical fields and to participate further in the work of the permanent international tribunal as well as in the international labour organisation."—Trans-Ocean.

YUNNAN-BURMA RAILWAY PROJECT PROGRESSING

Large Orders Placed In England For Materials

To Follow Route Suggested 40 Years Ago

London, To-day.

The Chinese Government Purchasing Commission recently placed orders with British firms worth £180,000 for all costs of construction materials for the Yunnan-Burma railway, work on which is being actively pressed on.

Further orders are being negotiated. The railway follows the route recommended by British engineers 40 years ago.

A correspondent of "The Times" recently motored over the Lashio-Kunming road and minutely describes his impressions of "this fine feat of Chinese engineering."

Total length of the road from Lashio to the frontier is 124 miles, and from the frontier to Kunming, 648 miles.

Of the Chinese sector, 367 miles from Hsiakvan to the frontier were only begun in October, 1937, and despite altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 8,000 feet, was completed for light traffic in 14 months.

Worst stretch is from Lungling to Salween Valley, crossing an 8,000-foot mountain barrier with very steep gradients and almost impossible curves, with sheer drops of 2,000 feet on the outer side.

UNLIMITED LABOUR

Almost unlimited labour is now engaged on this part, but owing to the geological nature of the ground, landslides are frequent.

A suspension bridge—280 feet wide crosses the Salween. The bridge was only recently finished and is now being reconstructed for heavier vehicles.

The correspondent is of the opinion that if the road is to stand heavy traffic during the monsoon, it must have adequate drains, cut on the inside and led under the road.

Nevertheless, he says, the greatest credit is due to the Chinese engineers.

"One leaves Yunnan with the utmost admiration for the determination and courage of the Chinese," he says. — Reuter.

SIR MAURICE DRIVES WITH FRANCO

BURGOS, TO-DAY.

THE NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR, SIR MAURICE PETERSON, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO GENERAL FRANCO, WHO DROVE WITH THE AMBASSADOR THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE CITY LINED WITH TROOPS.

Sir Maurice said he was not a stranger to Spain but came back to a new administration.

He added he would contribute to the best of his powers to good relations between the two countries. — Reuter.

The new British Ambassador presented his letters of credence in the Capitanía Palace in the presence of the Foreign Minister, Count Jor-

TWO MORE PORTUGUESE SHIPS SEIZED

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned that Japanese gunboats "brought in" two additional merchant ships, to Woosung yesterday morning. The vessels were flying the Portuguese flag. It cannot be ascertained where or when the ships were "arrested." — Our Own Correspondent.

OFFICIAL PROTEST

Shanghai, To-day.

An official protest by the Portuguese Consul-General was lodged with the Japanese authorities yesterday morning in connection with the seizure and detention of 10 ships flying the Portuguese flag at Woosung.

It is learned that the majority of the passengers, all Chinese have been allowed ashore.

The Japanese authorities informed the Portuguese officials yesterday afternoon that a reply would be made "as soon as investigations are completed." — Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANIAN BANK REOPENS

Tirana, To-day.

All branches of the Albanian National Bank resumed business yesterday.

No change will be made in the value of the Albanian Franc. — Trans-Ocean.

dana and the Minister of the Interior, M. Serrano Suner.

General Franco in reply to Sir Maurice's address, emphasised that the new Spain had emerged strong and full of vitality from the struggle against the destructive forces of Bolshevism. General Franco expressed the hope that the new Spain would find full understanding for the sacrifices entailed by that struggle. — Trans-Ocean.

SECURITY OF BELGIAN CONGO

Brussels, To-day.

Military measures for the security of the Belgian Congo were explained to a Cabinet Council yesterday afternoon by the Minister for the Colonies.

BYRNES BARTER PLAN AROUSES KEEN INTEREST

New York, To-day.

Commodity circles are awaiting with great interest details of the commodity barter plan proposed by Senator Byrnes, though at present little comment is heard.

The plan seems to be generally approved by members of Congress, with the cotton Senators strongly in favour as long as cotton is bartered at the current market price.

According to the Dow Jones financial agency, consummation of the plan is expected by informed officials to result in the export of about 5,000,000 bales of cotton against which up to 600,000 long tons of rubber might be acquired. — Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has approved the barter scheme projected by Senator Byrnes.

The scheme provides for an exchange of commodities needed in wartime with the Democracies. — Reuter.

IT'S GETTING MONOTONOUS

Peiping, To-day.

For the sixth time within a month the American Embassy has protested to the Japanese authorities at the bombing of American property in China.

The latest incidents occurred at Yingtan, in Kiangsi, on April 4, and at Hengyang, in Hunan, at April 6.

In each incident American Mission property was badly damaged. There were some Chinese casualties at Yingtan, but no American casualties in either incident.

At the time of the bombings American flags were prominently displayed. — Reuter.

MARSHAL PETAIN CONFERS ON SPANISH DIFFICULTIES

Paris, To-day.

Marshal Petain, French Ambassador to Spain, yesterday conferred with the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, and the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet.

It is reported in political circles that Marshal Petain wished to discuss,

Firstly, the failure of Italy to withdraw her troops from Spain,

Secondly, Spain's adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact,

Thirdly, the slowness of the Spanish Government in receiving back refugees from France. — Reuter.

ANYTHING BUT SATISFIED

Quai d'Orsay circles say that France is anything but satisfied with the declarations made by the Spanish Government on the withdrawal of Italian troops.

They forecast that some form of pressure may be put on General Franco.

However, before anything is done, it is thought that further representations will be made to General Franco. — Trans-Ocean.

SIAM DENIES ANTI-JAPANESE POLICY

Tokyo, To-day.

The Siamese Minister here has denied rumours that Siam had concluded an anti-Japanese treaty with Great Britain.

The Minister recalled the statement made by the Siamese Legation on April 5 and the radio address by the Siamese Premier on March 20, emphasising that Siam had only one wish, namely to be on friendly terms with all nations. He stated that all of Siam's treaties were published. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN EMBASSY DENIES RUMOUR

Paris, To-day.

An emphatic denial was issued by the German Embassy here last night of a rumour that all members of the staff of the Embassy and the Consulate who could be spared, had been recalled.

The German Embassy declared that not a single official, diplomatic or consular, in the French capital had been recalled. — Trans-Ocean.

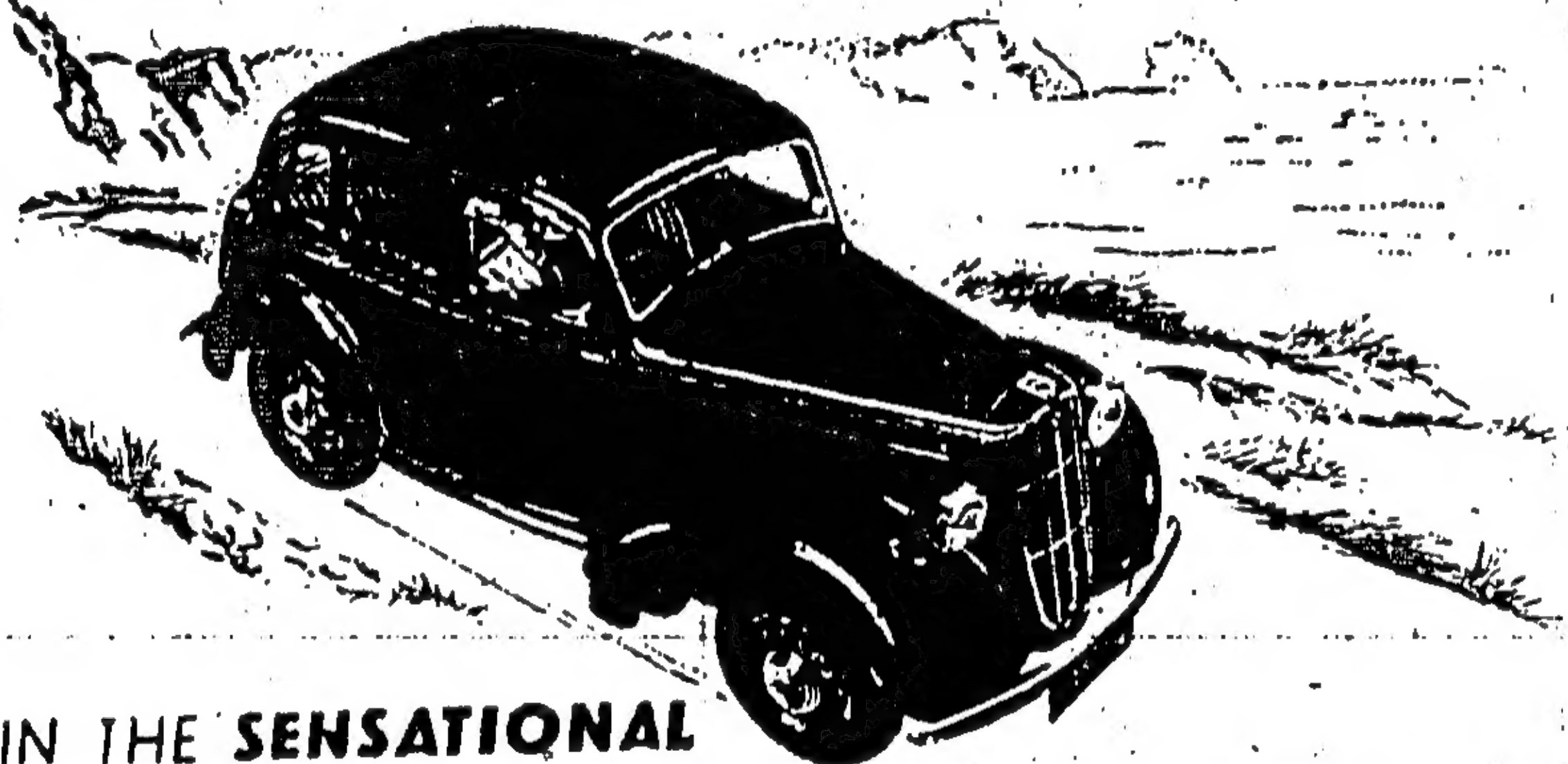
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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

TECHNIQUE

Dan Whitney knew nothing about female technique. He had never had time to think of modern ways of courtship; had been too busy struggling for an education and later fighting his way to a responsible and lucrative position with the John Talley Investment Bankers. He was, the day he landed in Miami for the first vacation he had ever known, as innocent as a babe in the woods.

Charity Temple, watching Curt Putnam thread his way across the floor of the Golden Beach club with Dan Whitney in tow, suddenly stopped talking and stared at Dan and was conscious for the first time in her sophisticated life of a genuine pang. Unexpectedly and quite without reason her heart said: "This man is real. He's the first genuine person I've ever known. He's the man I'm going to marry."

And Dan, looking down into her eyes, wished fervently that he had devoted a little less time to securing an education and making money and a little more to studying women and learning their ways. For Dan found himself speechless and embarrassed, and the thought occurred to him that she must think him an awful fool. He was sure of only one thing: every instinct, every fiber of his being told him that this girl with the titian hair and blue, slanting eyes had affected him profoundly, that he had fallen in love with

without telling her. I'm going to tell her." And he did, standing beneath a palm tree with the moon gliding up out of the ocean and a warm breeze off the Gulf stream rattling the fronds overhead.

Charity's heart stopped beating, then began again in a wild ecstasy of joy. But she kept herself under control. She thought: "I mustn't yield too readily. I must act surprised and put him off. Otherwise, he'll lose interest and regret having asked me." And aloud she said: "Goodness! You take a girl's breath away, mister. Just like that. With no warning or anything. You can't expect me to say yes without thinking it over. That sort of thing happens only in books."

Dan's lips twisted into a smile and his heart was bitter. He understood. She was being kind, letting him down easy. He was grateful to her, but it didn't allay his suffering. He felt dead inside. He wondered if he would ever come to life again.

The next day he returned to Philadelphia without seeing her again. He thought the thing over logically and sensibly. This wasn't the end of the world. Things would go on. He would go on. He could forget. He would forget. There was a lifetime ahead of him.

So he tackled his work with a vengeance. And when he wasn't work-

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

her and would never love anyone else. Charity, looking up, thought: "He doesn't see me at all. I've not made the least impression. He's not even interested enough to make casual conversation. But I won't give up. I'm glad now that I've learned all there is to know about men. They say I have a wonderful technique. I'll make him love me."

So the days passed, and Dan inflicted himself upon Charity Temple as much as he dared. Only by the greatest self-restraint did he keep from following her about like a faithful dog. He thought: "She isn't the type who would approve of worship. There are dozens of men in love with her. I mustn't make myself tiresome or obnoxious. She might not go out with me at all."

And Charity began to feel discouraged because Dan displayed so little interest in her. He gave no indication that he wanted to be with her when there was anything better to do. She thought: "He can see that I love him. He can't help it. And he isn't going to take any chances of being forced into a commitment. I must make other men interested in me. That sort of technique never fails."

She negotiated to have Dan see her in company with other men, men who had heretofore amused her and now, bewildered, nevertheless responded joyously to her provocative words and smiles and made fools of themselves. Once Dan, watching from a distance, saw one of these puppets take Charity in his arms and kiss her, and it was like a knife thrust in his heart.

More time passed. Dan suffered and Charity was miserable. And at last Dan thought: "I'm going back up North tomorrow. I can't go. Newspapers."

ing he saw people. He attended theatres and parties and played handball and squash. He never allowed himself an idle moment. Never allowed his mind to drift into dangerous channels. A week passed and he was sure he was forgetting. It was all being him now, like a dream. He wasn't thinking of her any more. He'd say to himself: "I'm thinking of her now. Things are the same again I'm happy. There's a long life ahead and it's going to be a good one."

And then came a day when he forgot he had theatre tickets for the evening and he returned alone to his apartment. For the first time in nine days he was honest with himself. He knew that all the things he had been doing were forced and false. He knew that he had rather be dead than to spend another day with a tortured heart.

A telegram was lying on the floor beneath his door. It read: "Family going to Europe. Can you marry me at once so I won't have to accompany them?"

She was waiting at the airport alone. He took her hand and squeezed it and tucked it under his arm, and they got into a taxi. A minister married them in the front room of his home with a wife and housekeeper looking on. They went outside and got into the taxi again. Dan said: "Let's go to Bermuda. I've always wanted to see Bermuda. It will be grand!"

She nodded. "I'll say good-bye to the folks first."

"Of course. Are they sailing tomorrow?"

Startled, she looked at him, then smiled. "For Europe? Darling, they're not sailing until June. That—that was part of my technique." (Copyright, 1939, By The Associated Newspapers.)

British Naval Precautions In The Mediterranean

CONCENTRATION OF FLEET AT MALTA

Paris, To-day.

All British warships in the Mediterranean not already stationed at British or French ports have been ordered to put in at British or French naval bases, according to the "Matin."

In pursuance of this order the British warship "Malaya" which had been lying off Mentone, has left for an unknown destination.

The warships "Warspite," flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet, "Barham" and "Aberdeen" which were visiting San Remo on the Italian Riviera, left on Monday.

The vessels already stationed at as naval, have been taken to meet or on their way to Malta include any possible developments.

the aircraft carrier "Glorious", the heavy cruisers Devonshire, Shropshire and Sussex, the light cruisers Arethusa, Galatea and Penelope, the first and second destroyer flotilla, the first submarine flotilla and several hospital ships.

The "Petit Parisien" claims to have received information from trustworthy source about an impending British naval demonstration in the Mediterranean.

The "Jour" speaks of abandonment of the plan to occupy Corfu but says that all requisite precautionary measures, military as well

Great Britain, contends the French newspaper, is more directly affected by the events in Albania than France and is therefore taking the lead.

NEW GUARANTEES

Moreover, unlike Britain, France has not entered into any agreement with Italy for the maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.

The British Government, adds the French paper, will probably protest to Rome against the violation of the Anglo-Italian agreement of April 16, 1938 but will not go so far as to denounce the agreement.

As regards the British guarantee for Greece, the "Jour" understands that this will be formally pronounced without a demand for reciprocity from Greece. The same procedure will be adopted towards Turkey. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH PRESS MUSSOLINI FOR AN ANSWER

London, To-day.

Britain is believed to be increasing her efforts to persuade Mussolini to state when he will withdraw the Italian volunteers from Spain.

Political circles state that the Government, in Thursday's Parliament, will criticise Italy strongly, but, in view of Italian assurances to Greece and Rumania, will refrain from definite action in the Albanian crisis.

It is, however, stated that the opposition may force the Government into a stiffer attitude. — Trans-Ocean.

CAROL RUMOUR

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumours spread abroad that King Carol recently met King Boris of Bulgaria are officially denied here. — Trans-Ocean.

GOLD LEAVES BOMBAY

Bombay, To-day.
About £100,000 worth of gold has left Bombay.
Half of the shipment is optionally being sent to New York, Paris and Amsterdam. — Reuter.

BRUSSELS PRECAUTIONS

Brussels, To-day.

Rumours that furloughs have been cancelled are denied. It is stated that Belgium long ago took certain measures which are believed sufficient and no changes are contemplated in the defence system.

Concerning radio announcements of troop movements to various parts of the country, these are confirmed, but attention is drawn to the fact that they are identical with the Spring operations carried out every year. — Trans-Ocean.

80-YEAR-OLD KING WINS TENNIS TROPHY

Paris, To-day.

Sweden's 80 years old monarch, Gustav V, demonstrated that his tennis arm is still as good as ever by winning a trophy in the Riviera tennis tournament yesterday.

Exhibiting unusually good form, he and his partner, the Polish player, Count Bavarovski, won the handicap doubles from the German Swiss team, Solms and Pfaff, by 6-4 6-4 2-6 6-2. — Trans-Ocean.

MOSQUITO BREEDING CHARGE

Containing specimens of mosquito larvae, three or four jars were brought into Kowloon Court to-day when they were presented as evidence by the Sanitary Department against some twenty odd farming people, who were summoned for keeping their land on which they grew Watercress as a living, so as to permit the breeding of mosquitoes.

Some of the farmers told the Court that they had already complied with the S.D. orders. Those who had failed to do so, were ordered to fill in their land immediately.

FOG OR MIST

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone covers Korea and the Sea of Japan, and another anticyclone appears to be forming over North China. Shallow depressions are moving eastward over Mongolia and the Eastern Sea. Pressure remains relatively low over Tongking.

Local forecasts: E. and S. E. winds, light to moderate; cloudy, local fog or mist.

ITALY GIVES SUBTLE WARNING TO GREECE

Rome, To-day.

Commenting on events in Albania, the semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" says that the occupation of Albania does not create any new problem and does not constitute a threat to any of Albania's neighbours.

Rather should it be interpreted as a step towards "more intensive cooperation" between Italy and the Balkan States.

The journal reproaches England with suggesting the notion of a danger menacing Greece in order to persuade Greece to place again, as in the days of sanctions, her ports at the disposal of the British Navy.

The paper asks what advantage Greece would have in creating for a second time a dangerous precedent, implying the adoption of a hostile attitude towards Italy.

Meanwhile, great interest has been aroused in Italian political circles by the reported movements of British warships in the Bay of Argostolion on the southern coast of the island of Kephallenia. — Trans-Ocean.

An aged widow, Cheung Ki-yuen, residing at an unnumbered matshed in Tai Hang, has informed the Police that sometime between 8 a.m. and 12 noon yesterday, the sum of \$1050 in banknotes and small coins was stolen from her house.



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CAN CANADA BE NEUTRAL?

Two Canadian politicians, Mr. George Heon, a French-speaking Conservative, and Mr. Lacroix, a French-Canadian Liberal, have recently voiced in an extreme form the intense desire for peace which animates every democratic country in the world to-day. Canada, says the first, should fight only in a war that directly threatens her territory, while Mr. Lacroix suggests that, in order to avoid complication in European affairs, Canada should declare herself an independent and neutral nation.

Under the free constitution of the Commonwealth no British Dominion can be involved in war save by its own deliberate decision. Neither Canada, Australia, New Zealand, nor South Africa is bound by any obligation, other than that of sentiment and self-interest, to take any step whatever to aid the defence of Britain. Australia and New Zealand, keeping one eye on Japan, and South Africa, uneasy about German colonial policy, have obvious reasons urging them to the active support of Britain. But Canada is in different case. She might plausibly argue that it is better to cut clear from the Old World, and rely upon the security of the New.

But what would that security be worth, if democratic forces were defeated in France and Britain as they have been defeated in Czecho-Slovakia and Spain? Already the United States is deeply concerned about ideological and trade threats to the Monroe Doctrine. In such circumstances the totalitarian powers' understanding with Japan, and their own zeal for expansion, in a world in which North America might become the last refuge of democracy, would be factors of profound significance for both the United States and Canada.

There would be little purpose in drawing attention to these things if no constructive lesson could be derived from them. Happily, the influence of democratic solidarity in North America, rightly and fearlessly used, is still of paramount importance.

Japan Builds a Navy

Japan's announced intention of attempting to build its navy up to equality with the American is one of those sobering developments so common in the world to-day which speak for themselves. Impressive arguments are offered in every world capital to show that the responsibility rests with someone else. Japan justifies this latest decision on the ground of American naval expansion. Washington justifies its expansion programme on previous Japanese expansion. In Europe the same vicious circle prevails as the arms race mounts to an intense pitch.

The new naval race can mainly be dated from the launching of the German pocket-battleship Deutschland in 1931 and from the efficient manner in which Japan kept building to the full legal treaty limit in the days when there was a treaty, while the United States and Great Britain lagged. During the past few years the United States has been steadily catching up, while Britain has suddenly entered into naval building with a burst of energy.

Who is to blame doesn't matter much now. The race is on. No nation feels it dare lag behind. This is at once a product and a cause of mounting world tension. One ray of hope is that the pace must soon become an unendurable strain to the weaker. When it does, common sense will probably reassert itself in a new willingness to consider limitation of arms. The naval potential of the pace-makers, Britain and the United States, far exceeds that of the nations which seek to remake the outlines of the world. It is extremely doubtful that Japan can build to parity with the United States and it is certain that it could not even approximate parity if American shipyards were stepped up to full capacity.

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The Debates

The upward trend in the sales of "Hansard," noted with pardonable pleasure by House of Commons members in recent debates, suggests that "the debates" may be recovering in some degree their old importance in the "files." Even if one is old enough to remember the papers of forty or fifty years ago, it is still with some surprise that one turns over their pages and discovers how completely Parliament used to dominate the news, so that no discrimination seems to have been necessary; important or trivial, interesting or dull, the speeches had to be reported, and members who can hope to-day for nothing more than that they "carried on the debate" would get their half-column of close type.

Certainly those debates were a trial to young eyes. George Moore tells us (in "Vale") how his father boasted that he had read the "Times" to his mother at breakfast when he was three, and if we share Mrs. Moore's incredulity at least it was with the debates that many young people were expected to show off their reading accomplishments. There was a direr suggestion still in Ella's account of how Boyer used to whip a boy and read the debates at the same time, a stroke at the end of each long period. But nothing of that sort will suit the modern child if long reports again become the fashion.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN SEES THE KING

Negotiations With Soviet

London, To-day.

After seeing the Soviet Ambassador in the morning, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, visited Mr. Neville Chamberlain at No. 10, Downing Street.

The foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet continued its deliberations on the European situation at No. 10 in the afternoon.

The King returned to London unexpectedly from his Easter vacation at Windsor in the afternoon to see Mr. Chamberlain at Buckingham Palace.

Mr. Chamberlain's audience with the King lasted 80 minutes.

The Prime Minister returned to Downing Street at about 6.20 p.m. and was cheered by the crowd. The King returned immediately to Windsor.

It is understood the sole reason for the King's visit to London was to learn first-hand of international developments and at the same time to save the Premier from travelling to Windsor. — Reuter.

BONNET SEES M. SURITZ IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, yesterday saw the Soviet Ambassador, M. Suritz.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, received the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Bullitt, and the Secretary-General of the Rumanian Foreign Ministry, M. Critziano. — Reuter.

DEFENCE MINISTERS MEET

London, To-day.

Yesterday afternoon's meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the Cabinet was attended by the Premier, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Foreign Secretary, the Home Secretary, the Secretary for Dominions Affairs, the President of the Board of Trade and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent head of the Foreign Office, was also present.

Earlier in the day the Defence Ministers, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary for War, the Secretary for Air and the Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, together with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Mr. W. S. Morrison, who is assisting Lord Chatfield in defence co-ordination questions, were in conference at the offices of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

In addition to these meetings, Ministerial consultations arising out of the international situation created by the Italian occupation of Albania, included interview in the morning between the Premier and Lord Halifax, who had previously received the Soviet Ambassador at the Foreign Office. — British Wireless.

LONG ANGLO-FRENCH TALK

The meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Foreign Affairs lasted one and one-half hours under the

chairmanship of Mr. Chamberlain. At the conclusion of the meeting, Lord Halifax returned to the Foreign Office where he held a long conference with the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin. — Trans-Ocean.

ARMY LEAVE IN FRANCE CURTAILED

London, To-day.

According to press messages, Ministerial and diplomatic activity in London has been paralleled in other capitals, particularly in Paris, where there is reported to have been a meeting of the French Cabinet.

The newspapers give some prominence to agency telegrams regarding measures in a number of countries which would appear to be a precautionary character.

These refer, for example, to curtailment of army leave in France and manning of frontier posts in Holland.

There is at present no official confirmation in London of many of these reported steps, which, it is pointed out, while they have no special significance which could cause alarm, are indicative of the state of strain which has resulted in every part of Europe from the fresh blow to confidence administered by Italy in Albania. — British Wireless.

MOSCOW BLOOD RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT

Moscow, To-day.

The Moscow Institution for blood transfusion has made successful experiments for the preservation in a solid condition of blood for the purpose of transfusion.

Numerous experiments which were made on dogs and rabbits proved that blood can be preserved in dehydrated form and when necessary can again be liquified.

It is claimed that the discovery signifies a transformation of the whole science of blood transfusion. — Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER'S UMBRELLA

The umbrella which Mr. Chamberlain has carried with him on his various missions in Europe is 40 years old. It was a present from his wife and has been recovered four times.

These facts were made known at a women's rural institute rally at Peebles, by Viscountess Elbank, who said that when having tea with Mrs. Chamberlain some days ago, she expressed a desire to know the history of the umbrella.

HOUSE OF LORDS MEETING

London, To-day.

The House of Lords will meet at 3 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, will make a statement in reply to a question by Lord Snell inviting a statement on the international situation, with particular regard to the Mediterranean area.

The House of Commons will meet at 2.45 the same afternoon. — Reuter.

(Continued from Next Col.)

The "Sagres" was stopped at sea by the Japanese last Saturday, and is now being detained at Baku, in the Pescadores.

ITALIANS IN ALBANIA IN SHARP FIGHTING

Paris, To-day.

According to authorised sources, states the Albanian Legation, fierce fighting occurred yesterday morning at Matidibra, Argyro-Castro and Elbassan.

Here, says the Albanian Legation, mountain tribesmen, supported by officers of the regular army, are fighting under the leadership of Prince Sali and Prince Hussein.

Both the Princes are former pupils at St. Cyr, the French military college.

The Italians claim to have occupied both Argyro-Castro and Elbassan. — Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF SAGRES

Negotiations are continuing between the British and Japanese authorities for release of the Williamson steamer "Sagres."

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LARGE ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT IN ALBANIA

Rome, To-day.

Further large detachments of Italian troops have been landed at the Albanian ports.

These troops, says the "Corriere della Sera" will follow the wake of the four mechanised Italian columns which invaded the country in direction of Scutari, Tirana, Devoli and Argyrocastro. They will provide garrisons in these towns and along the routes of advance.

Mechanised Bersaglieri columns advancing on Scutari alone met with resistance after the landing operations had been completed. At one point in their advance, these troops had to fight their way through a narrow path, commanded on one side by an ancient fortress. Albanian bands had entrenched themselves here and offered resistance to the Italian advance.

"PUT TO FLIGHT"

After a brief engagement the Albanians were put to flight. In Scutari, declares this Italian

ALBANIA'S PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Milan, To-day.

The Albanian administration has resumed work, says a Tirana message.

The "provisional executive committee" has sent telegrams to the foreign Legations informing them of the change of government.

At the same time, a Fascist party organisation has been founded in Albania.

The "provisional executive committee" has convoked the constitutional Assembly for to-day. Delegates from all over the country have been summoned. — Trans-Ocean.

newspaper, the Bergsaglieri column was given a "heartly welcome."

Prior to entering, it had taken possession of Alessio which is an important point of several lines of communication.

Everything was intact when Italian troops entered the region of the Italian oil concession at Devoles. The pipe line to Malone suffered no damage. Oil production will be started again as soon as the Italian workers return with their families. — Trans-Ocean.

"DAILY MAIL" ADOPTS EDEN SCHEME

London, To-day.

London's leader writers, commenting on the political situation practically unanimously express the opinion that Britain is now facing the most serious situation since August, 1914.

Only Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express" speaks of a "relaxation of the tension." Even the "Daily Express" demands immediate raising of the army sufficient for the defence of the British coasts as well as for service on the Continent.

The occupation of Albania by Italy is regarded as a threat to the vital routes of communication of the British Empire. The fear is that Italy will push forward to Salonika which would give the Berlin-Rome axis almost complete control of the Mediterranean.

The "Daily Telegraph" declares that the invasion of Albania is bound to have serious consequences on the strategical situation of all Balkan States, above all Greece and Yugoslavia.

PARAMOUNT CONCERN

The Labour organ "Daily Herald" expresses a similar opinion and the tone of its editorial comment would

do credit to any Conservative organ.

The paper points out that since the days of Blake and Cromwell the security of British routes of communication in the Mediterranean have always been regarded as the "paramount concern" of British policy and that Britain will cease to be a world power on the day it abandons this policy.

The "Daily Mail" stresses that the conditions for action in South-Eastern Europe have been tremendously complicated. The paper demands the appointment of a special body to assist the Cabinet in direction of foreign policy, able to reach decisions with utmost rapidity.

SOVIET AND COALITION

The "News Chronicle" demands the inclusion of the Soviet Union in an anti-aggression coalition. The paper stresses that the smaller States are still doubtful whether the reorientation of British policy is to be trusted.

The "Times" emphasises in its editorial that England can under no circumstances afford to disregard a threat to Greece's or Turkey's independence. England, the paper declares, cannot declare herself disinterested in this part of the world although she is not claiming an exclusive position, neither in the eastern Mediterranean nor in the Mediterranean in general.

The paper then demands that the Italian Government fulfil its promise to withdraw "volunteers" from Spain. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH "PLANS"

Paris, To-day.

The "Petit Journal" asserts that Britain will in the event of Greece's acceptance of the British guarantee of the inviolability of Greek territory despatch at once troops to all Greek ports especially to Corfu as reinforcements for the Greek garrisons in these ports, in spite of the assurances given by her to Italy.

The paper moreover, asserts that the British fleet has already taken measures to this effect.

"What measures are to be taken in the Mediterranean will naturally be decided by the Admirals and it will easily be understood that the Admirals leaving the Admiralty or Downing Street refuse to reveal their secrets. Certain movements have, however, already taken place in the Mediterranean." — Trans-Ocean.



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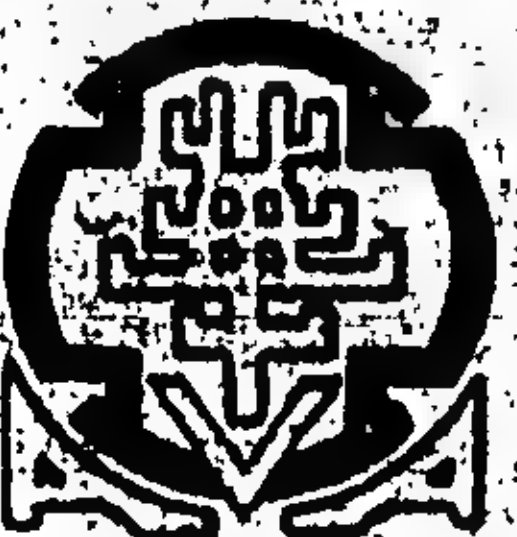
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NEW AIR ROUTES FOR BRITISH LINES

New European air routes for British 'planes have been announced by Imperial Airways and British Airways as a preliminary to the merger of the two companies.

Officials said that in future the Croydon to Paris route would be operated jointly with eight services daily. Their new routes — to be operated exclusively by British Airways — would be Heston-Berlin-Warsaw, Heston-Frankfurt-Budapest and Heston-Brussels.



Mr. C. H. W. Andrew of London was taking on no light task when he took on a \$100 bet that he could not go on water skis, dressed in full evening kit, without getting wet (other than from spray). The man who challenged him was Mr. Leslie Hardy of Seaview, Isle of Wight, where the unique wager was bought out. Mr. Andrew won the bet quite easily, however, as these pictures show. Photo shows Mr. Andrew "landing" after his spectacular water ski ride in full evening kit—an easy winner.

HIS £600 of Wages WERE IN—STAMPS

A Dutch engineer who had worked in the Canary Isles for the Franco authorities had to depend on the whims of stamp collectors at a sale at Harpers, Bond-street.

He had been paid for his work in Spanish Nationalist Government money, which he was unable to take out of the country, so he exchanged his money for a collection of air mail stamps.

They were sold for £600.

POPE SEES ALL THE KENNEDYS

Mr. J. P. Kennedy, American Ambassador to London, accompanied by his wife and eight children, was received in private audience by the Pope. His Holiness gave the eight children special rosaries and individual blessings. The Duke of Norfolk, envoy of King George to the Papal Coronation, was also received.

This would bring the weekly mileage of British Airways up to 42,300 miles—two and a half times greater than at present.

Machines on the proposed new routes will be American Lockheeds. It was pointed out that the present British Airways fleet of fifteen machines is foreign—twelve Lockheeds and three German Junkers—due to the rearmament programme. They hoped the greater part of their air fleet would be British by 1940.

It was stated that following British recognition of General Franco, a Lisbon service is being considered by the Air Ministry.

BIARRITZ HONOURS QUEEN

VICTORIA

A monument to Queen Victoria is to be unveiled in Biarritz on April 13 to commemorate the Queen's visits. After the ceremony there will be a reconstruction of the Battle of Bayonne between Britain's Wellington and France's Marshal Soult. Then there will be a Franco-British Rugby match (just to prevent too much international goodwill?).



Mr. Leslie Hardy had every chance of winning the bet—he was in charge of the speedboat hauling Mr. Andrew. Here he is making a sharp turn but Mr. Andrew kept on.



NEW BATTLESHIP OUT OF OLD.—The Warspite, which was engaged in the Battle of Jutland, has been under re-fit, on and off, for over 3 years, at a cost of £2,269,263,—only just over £250,000 less than her original cost.

BILLETING 'OVERLAP'

MUDDLE

"Unnecessary overlapping of Government departments" is alleged in a question which Brigadier Clifton Brown, Newbury's Conservative M.P., will put in the Commons. He will ask the Minister of Health whether he is aware that at Swallowfield, Berkshire, after A.R.P. authorities had made a return to the Home Office of all their billeting arrangements for children, the military authorities informed householders that their houses would be requisitioned for military billets in war.

THOSE MODEST SCOTS

Scotsmen in Canada are designing a tartan for themselves (in Victoria, British Columbia). Black has been introduced to signify dignity, green for thoughtful caution, also the aggressive red, the blue of loyalty and white of purity.

TEA NO DEARER

Although half a million coolies on tea estates of Ceylon are to receive increased wages, the price of tea will not go up. The increases were fixed in Colombo, and were expected by the planters.

40,000 NEW CARS A MONTH

Nearly 2,500 more new cars were registered last January than in January, 1938, according to Ministry of Transport figures. The totals were 40,001 and 38,682.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in London police courts: Woman at Tottenham: I always used to say that summonses are like measles. You just have to put up with them.

Defendant at Ealing: I did everything I could think of to please her, but I don't think I succeeded till I deserted her.

Woman at Wakeham: He had the "I-deserve-a-medal" look of a man who has been arguing with a policeman.

NEW POLAR TRIP

American explorer Admiral Byrd is preparing for another Antarctic trip soon and expects to claim 1,000,000 square mile for the United States. "I know there are mountains there with a coal supply sufficient to take care of the needs of the world for some time," he said.

Germany, Sweden recently claimed large tracts of the South Pole continent... but (as usual) we had already tied up all the best bits—and most of the coal.

IN CRIPPS'S PLACE

Mr. Arthur Henderson, K.C. (son of the great "Uncle Arthur") was elected to the place on the House of Commons Socialist Opposition Front Bench of Sir Stafford Cripps, who was expelled from the Socialist Party. Mr. Henderson specialises in foreign affairs.

£150,000 ORDER FOR NORTHAMPTON

A \$150,000 order for the supply of 15,000 tons of cast-iron pipes to convey water to Egyptian villages has been placed with the Stanton Iron Works Co., Northampton.

RETAIL TRADE VOLUME

STAYS UP

Daily retail sales in Great Britain during January were almost identical with the value in January, 1938, states the Board of Trade. Movement in the seven districts ranged from a fall of 3.2 per cent. in the West End to a rise of 2.4 per cent. in the South of England.

118,000 A.R.P. SHELTERS

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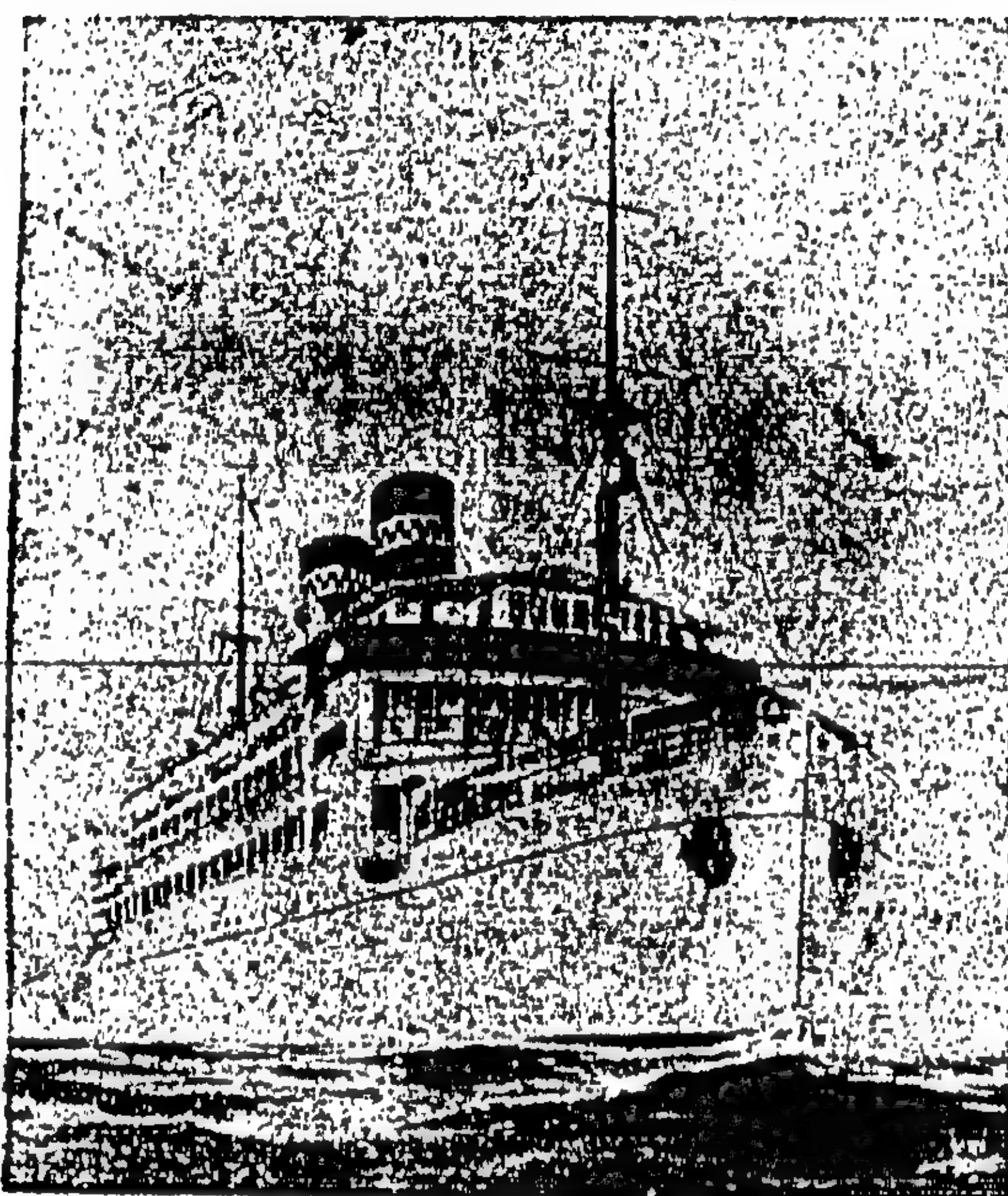


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THERE IS A NEW TEST FOR THE NA**"PERISCOPE T**

THE naval position in Europe merits careful watching. Britain's supremacy at sea is generally assumed as the one stable factor in the balance of power, but to-day, owing to a remarkable set-up in the speed of modern battleships, that factor faces a new test. The situation resembles that which developed when the first all-heavy-gunned battleship, the Dreadnought, made her appearance at the beginning of the century and rendered all her predecessors obsolete.

Britain is making supreme efforts to create a new battle fleet in the shortest possible time, and thanks to these efforts will, it seems, maintain its lead. Even so, orthodox sea supremacy, by which I mean the possession of the most powerful battle fleet, may be challenged either by aircraft or submarines. In England, the aircraft challenge is not regarded as serious, but the submarine threat is serious. We know, from experience of the World War, how gravely Britain's essential communications may be threatened by a submarine war against merchant vessels.

Germany's recent announcement of its intention to build submarines up to tonnage equality with Britain creates a new situation which Britain will have hard work to remedy. United States officials also will be carefully watching Germany's new submarine programmes, for, of all war vessels, the submarine can operate further from her base and remain longest at sea. Should Germany build cruiser-submarines, this will automatically extend the potential war area to the Atlantic coastline of America and even, possibly, to the Pacific.

The battleship position can be traced to 1931-33, when Germany, though still within the limitations of the Versailles Treaty, built the three fast pocket battleships of the Deutschland class. These, with their great radius of action, became at once a threat to any potential enemy's commerce. France, feeling that they endangered its safety, parried with the two swift battleships of her Dunkerque class, which, with their powerful armament and speed of 31 knots, could easily dominate the Deutschlands. This set the fashion in new fast battleships.

From that time onward no government has been so rash as to build a battleship with a speed of less than 30 knots. For what can a fleet of 20-knot battleships do against even a small squadron of 30-knotters which can go where it will, attack convoys, and always escape if brought to action by a superior force? True, it can guard

its country from invasion, or escort dominating some special convoy, but it cannot guard every convoy, it cannot bring its enemy to battle, and its power to safeguard its commerce is seriously reduced.

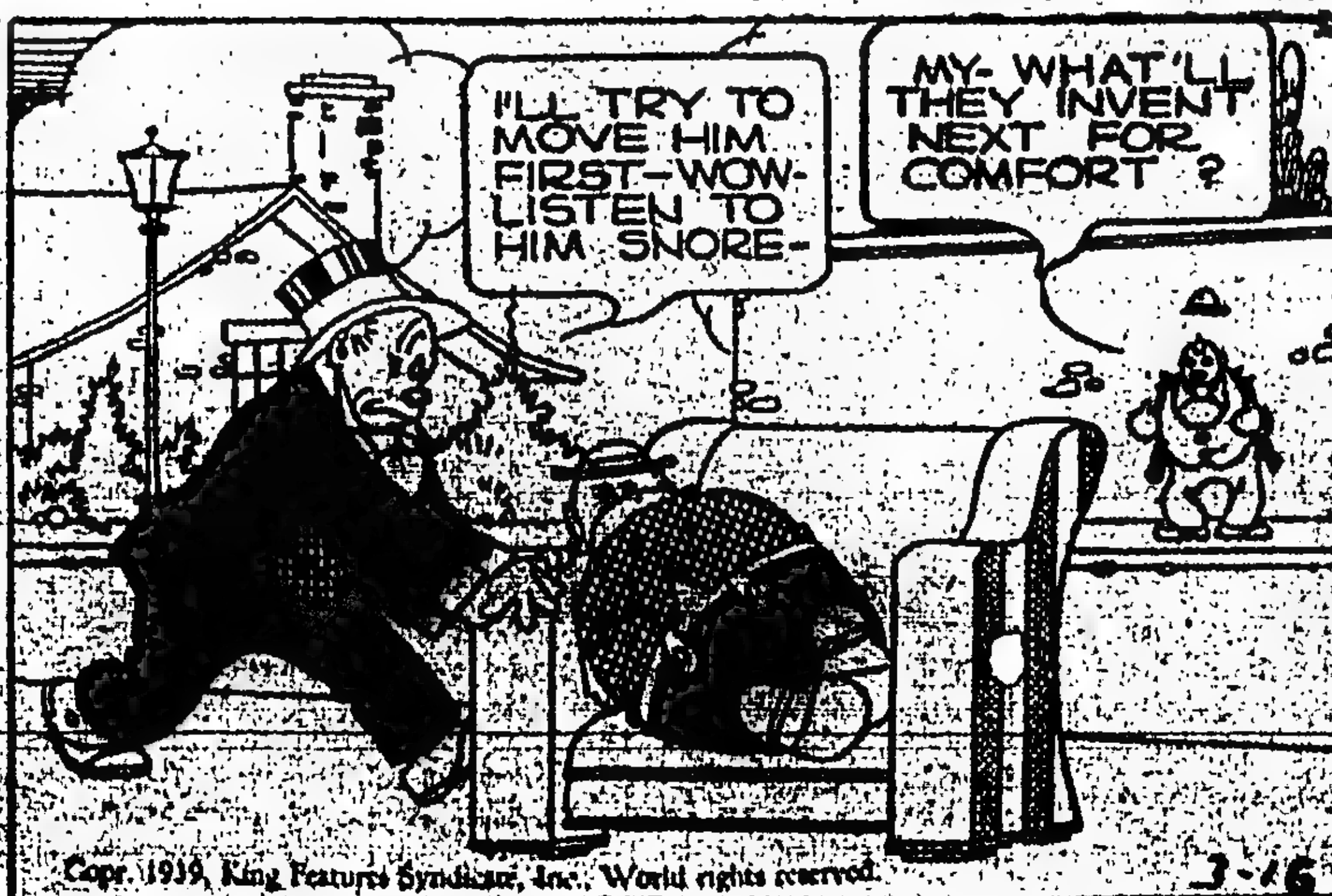
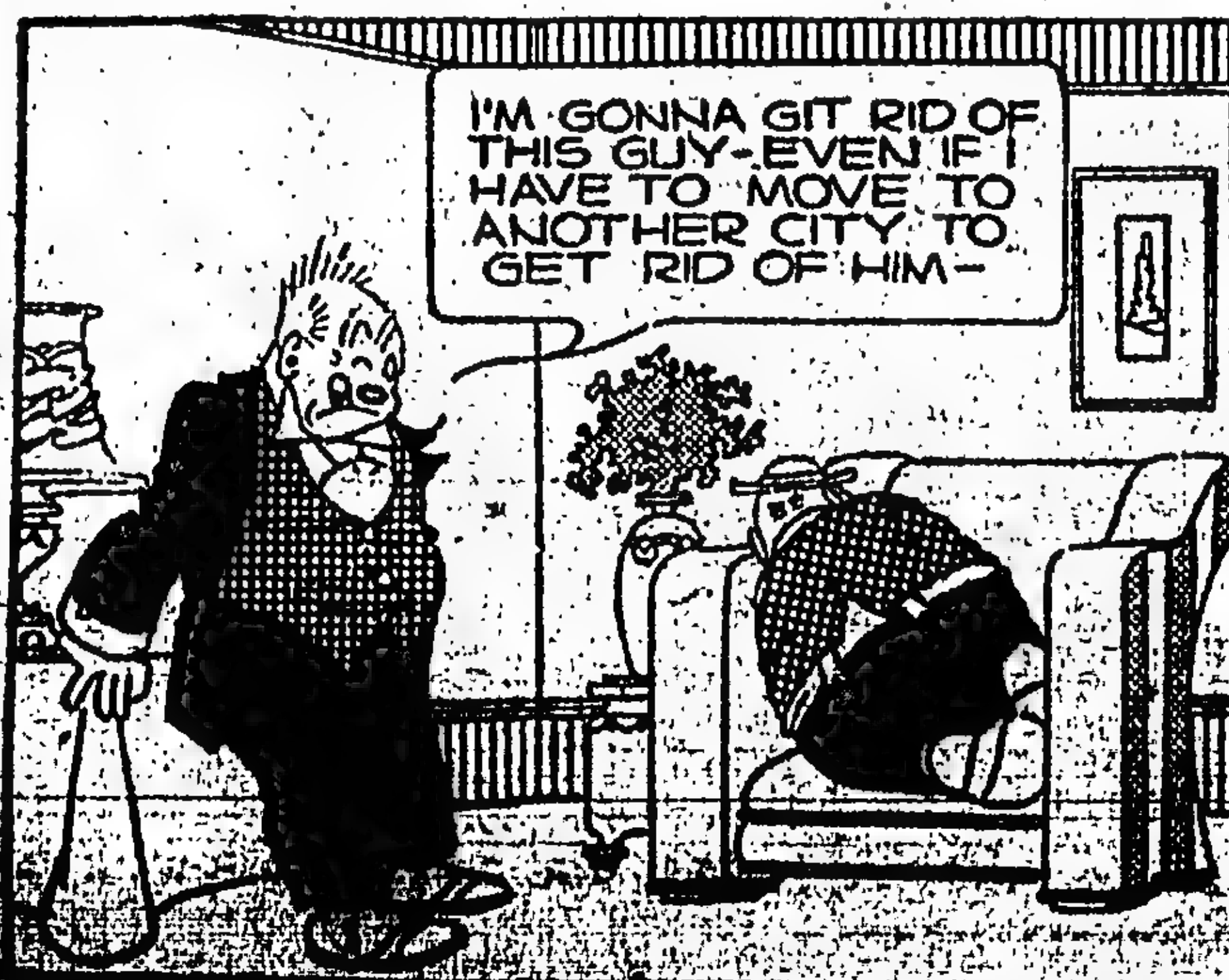
At all events, all the maritime powers are hard at it building the new type of fast battleships. Germany and France are neck and neck, each hoping to have three completed by the end of 1939 and a fourth by the end of 1940. Britain, despite its great superiority of the older types, is building new battleships, and will probably announce three more this spring. It already possesses the 30-knot Hood, the equal of anything afloat, and should regain its position of uncontested superiority by 1943, with 10 of the new ships as against Germany's six, France's six, and Italy's four.

The submarine position has a different history. In 1935 Germany, growing restive over the armament limitations of Versailles, and the Disarmament Conference having broken down, proposed that the German Navy should in future base itself on the British on a proportional basis. Great Britain, feeling that Germany could not forever be bound down to unilateral disarmament, or, perhaps, knowing that Germany would rearm in any case, grasped this opportunity of satisfying reasonable German aspirations while retaining its own freedom.

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position. During the war, Germany confessed to putting together a fleet of submarines of which only one was completed, although the Versailles armistice prohibited Germany from having any submarines at all. Despite French opposition, Britain went on to build a fleet, and signed the 18, 1935, in which it agreed to limit its fleet to 35 per cent of the British. Germany, however, was treated specially and claimed the right to equality of tonnage, although it then existing circumstances to exceed 45 per cent of the British total without notifying Britain and France.

Hitler set out the plan in his Reichstag speech on 21, 1935. He said: "I am neither the intention, nor the power to start a new naval rivalry. The German Government recognises the overwhelming superiority of the British Empire and is determined to do all in its power for the protection of its existence and the peaceful development of the Fuehrer sign-ment, by noncompeti-tion for all time a re-

petition of the only struggle there has been between these two nations hitherto." It was a fine gesture, if sincere, and Britain met it handsomely. The then First Sea Lord, Sir Samuel Hoare, put the British viewpoint in Parliament by characterising the treaty as, in its wider applications, favourable to the naval interests of other powers and providing a fixed point for discussion with them.

By the end of 1938 Germany, while creating a modern navy of battleships and cruisers within the 35 per cent limit, had utilised its allotted 45 per cent of submarines by building 71, most of them large enough to operate in the North Atlantic. Already, in naval equipment, Germany is far from negligible, and in the Baltic is supreme.

While Germany had thus been occupied, Italy was not idle. In addition to contesting French superiority in battleships, cruisers, destroyers, it has managed to complete a force of 99 submarines, some of them of the largest ocean-going type, with from 20 to 30 more still building in its yards. With this immense flotilla, acting in co-operation with large numbers of flying boats, Italy can cover the Mediterranean effectively, denying it to enemy merchant vessels and rendering the operations of a battle fleet unusually difficult. Germany and Italy together have in fact become formidable at sea.

This brings us to Germany's latest move in the game of naval rivalry. Its position at the end of 1938 was very different from that of 1935. The Naval Treaty, so advantageous then, may seem a hindrance to-day. However that may be, deciding to make the most of it, Germany has claimed its right to build up to 100 per cent of British tonnage, and will now doubtless proceed to expend the 41,000 tons its new claim gives it, in ocean-going submarines.

It has been alleged in the press that the Russian building programme is the reason for Germany's new claim and it is true that Russia has been engaged in naval activity. Observing great secrecy, it has built no less than 160 submarines and is now building three aircraft carriers, eight large cruisers, and three battleships. But the only part of this fleet which threatens German superiority in the Baltic is the submarine flotilla, and submarines are not the answer to submarines. The Russian Navy cannot be accepted as reason for the German submarine increase. Nor does Germany

itself advance this reason. It says, on the contrary, in its officially inspired journals, that its action is directed "in the interests of defence and maintenance of German sea communications and not against Britain or any other power, but to safeguard the requirements of Germany's own security."

But Germany's intention matters less than the type of submarine it now proceeds to build. By treaty it must communicate its building programmes to Britain, and these will be closely watched. If it includes submarine-cruisers, these will be capable of operating off the American seaboard or in the Pacific. If, as is probable, it expends the remaining tonnage on submarines of from 500-800 tons, these will be designed to work in the eastern waters of the North Atlantic against French and British shipping.

Some 50 new submarines, added to the 71 already existing, would constitute a threat to Britain's sea communications which could not be ignored. It is true that means of countering submarines have improved greatly since the World War, but it is also true that Britain, though it has been building destroyers rapidly in recent years, is far from adequately supplied with anti-submarine vessels. And while all the Naval Powers, including Germany, undertook in 1936 not to sink merchantmen unless they refused to submit to visit and search, and then only if the safety of their crews could be assured, the sailing of merchant ships in convoy with armed escort will probably be held as justification for throwing this agreement over.

The late Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, reflecting on the World War, wrote in his memoirs, "Does anyone seriously believe that in any future war a people fighting for its life will not use the submarine as we have used it in this war, even if new rules of international law forbid them so to do?" No one would expect the Germany of to-day to be more particular.

The position is, then, that Britain's great battle fleet, though still supreme, has temporarily diminished in effectiveness owing to the fast new ships of to-day, that in the Mediterranean the new power of air and submarine is bidding against the old, as represented by the British Mediterranean fleet, while a submarine threat is looming up in the north which must be countered at once if it is not to prove dangerous.

Certain it is that in the British Naval proposals for 1939 we shall see, not only further new battleships, but an exceptional building programme of small, speedy anti-submarine craft.

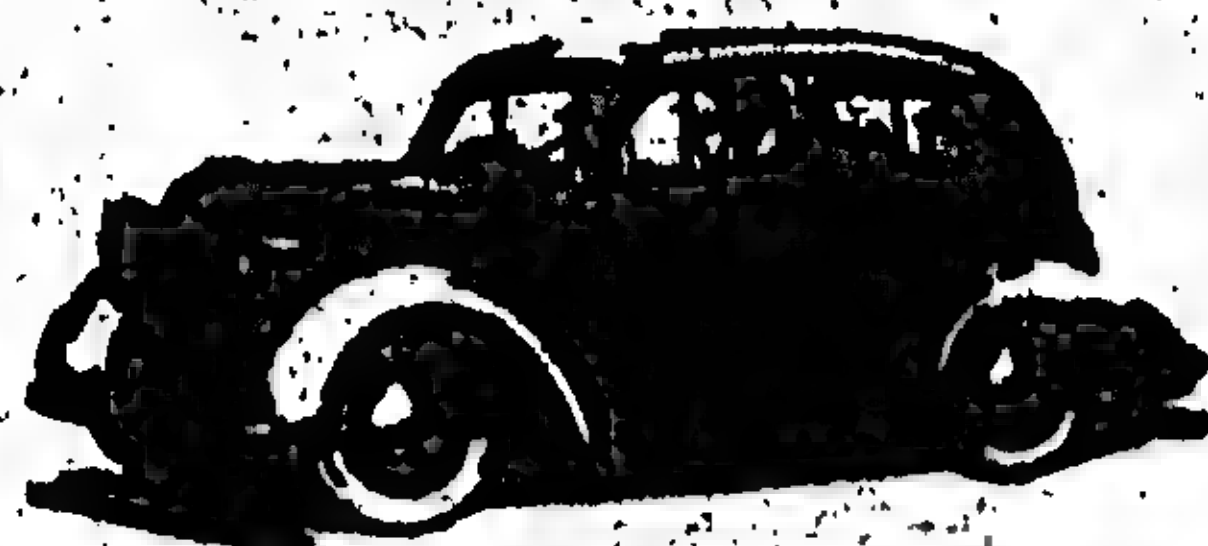
In the United States, also, if the submarine building foreshadowed becomes fact, there will probably be created a fine flotilla of submarine-hunting vessels to protect its seaboard and coastwise trade against this new potential danger, for the visitations paid to its waters by German submarines in the World War will not have been forgotten.

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The heavier fragrances with which we have been anointing ourselves during the confining months of winter, seem a bit over-bearing once the first Spring violet appears. We begin to sense the rich earthy smell of a deep green forest, wooded meadows and sunny days on hilltops by the sea—and no one of our winter loves seems to complement this particular mood. For it takes a special brew to give an aura to our "outdoor personalities."

this is for you as even its tantalizing name is suggestive of outdoor romance.

And no need to invest half your week's salary to test its loveliness, for in keeping with its fragrance, it comes bottled in a purse-size flacon with a special leak-proof cap, encased in pigskin for a price you and you can afford! If you fall in love with it, there are larger quantities and also a concentrated cologne in matching scent for after baths.

OTHER SCENTS FOR MODERN

Of course I don't imagine for a minute that every one of you will take this new fragrance to your heart the very minute you smell it—for women are as fickle as perfume brews!

NEW SCENT MAKES DEBUT

A gay harbinger of the new season has found its way to my desk a perfect mood-soother for the restless fever! Its fresh, outdoorsy scent has a considerable dash of come-hither about it—enough to linger in the nostrils of your favourite man to remind him of you!

If you live in the country, or journey to it eagerly on week-ends,

SEAL WINTER BOTTLES

If you do invest in a new perfume for spring, do as many women do, and seal your other perfumes with adhesive tape to preserve them until late autumn. Just wrap the adhesive tape around the stopper and throat of the bottle tightly and the evasive fragrance will be guarded. If you do not do this all will evaporate, much to your disappointment!



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Take Care Of The Vitamins

(By EDITH M. BARBER)

"If you are building a house, would you rather have titles or window panes or floor boards, or cement or plaster or girders or rafters?" asks Dr. Leslie J. Harris in his book, "Vitamins."

Dr. Harris's question was actually an answer to some one who had asked him to name the foods most important to good nutrition.

Dr. Harris makes the point that through the consumption of a well-rounded varied diet, much unnecessary illness can be eliminated and that health, strength and, therefore, happiness may be at least partially insured. With the exception of vitamin D, all necessities for the normal person will be provided by the proper choice of the daily food. Plenty of milk, eggs, vegetables and fruits, with some meat, fish, sugars, starches and fats, just those things which provide us with attractive meals are needed daily. For vitamin D in these days in this climate, when our bodies are not directly exposed to sunlight, we must depend upon fish liver oils or upon irradiated food products to provide the necessary amount. This is particularly important during childhood and for expectant and nursing mothers.

Extra amounts of other vitamins may be required if certain conditions of undernutrition or disease exist because they have been lacking. Vitamins have curative as well as preventive characteristics.

Scrambled Eggs with Shad Roe

6-8 eggs
¼ cup cream
Salt
Pepper
Butter
Paprika
1 can shad roe

Beat the eggs, add the cream and season to taste with salt and pepper. Melt one tablespoon butter in a heavy frying pan, pour in mixture and stir over a low fire until just set. Turn out on a hot platter, sprinkle with paprika and arrange on each side a roe which has been lightly browned on both sides in butter.

Caramel Bread Pudding

3 eggs
½ cup caramelized sugar
Salt
8 cups hot milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
6 slices of bread

Beat the eggs enough to mix the yolks and the whites, add sugar, salt, milk and flavouring and stir until caramel is dissolved. Line pudding dish with bread, pour in the custard mixture and set in a pan of hot water. Bake in a moderate oven (350. degrees Fahrenheit) until the custard is set, about fifty minutes. To caramelize sugar, stir the sugar in a heavy frying pan over a low heat until melted and light brown.

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

It will be a mistake to indulge in caustic remarks, or sarcastic rejoinders this day. Don't trust too much to your memory; should you have numerous details to attend to. A memorandum made frequently saves labour. A streak of talkativeness may be noticeable in many of your friends, so be careful what gossip you furnish. A desire to

spend money will be responsible for many foolish expenditures being made this day, and the acquisition, by many people, of many things that they probably will have little or no use for. This day probably will see many meritorious deeds performed, in the way of helping those who need assistance. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who have found their matrimonial ideal will have to be careful that some word, action or request, is not considered unreasonable and unpardonable.

If a woman and April 12 is your birthday, you may be socially very ambitious. A cheerful environment is essential to your contentment, you need it in order to do your best work. You must avoid close association with morbid people, books or plays because they might have an unfavourable reaction on your sensitive nature. You ought to have plenty of good sportmanship, particularly in matters requiring moral courage. You apparently will be much happier married than single. You may, in time, have a financial resource that will enable you to do many things you have always wanted to do. Among the activities you ought to find suitable are: acting, singing, selling, teaching, painting or writing.

The child born on April 12 may be predisposed to be very jealous on the slightest provocation, so parents ought to be careful to give it no cause for becoming so, especially through teasing. Nature probably will endow this child with many desirable mental and physical gifts, which it seems it will use advantageously.

Witty Kitty



The mentally sketchy girl-friend thinks when her beau tells her he's found a diamond in the rough he's talking about engagement ring personalities.



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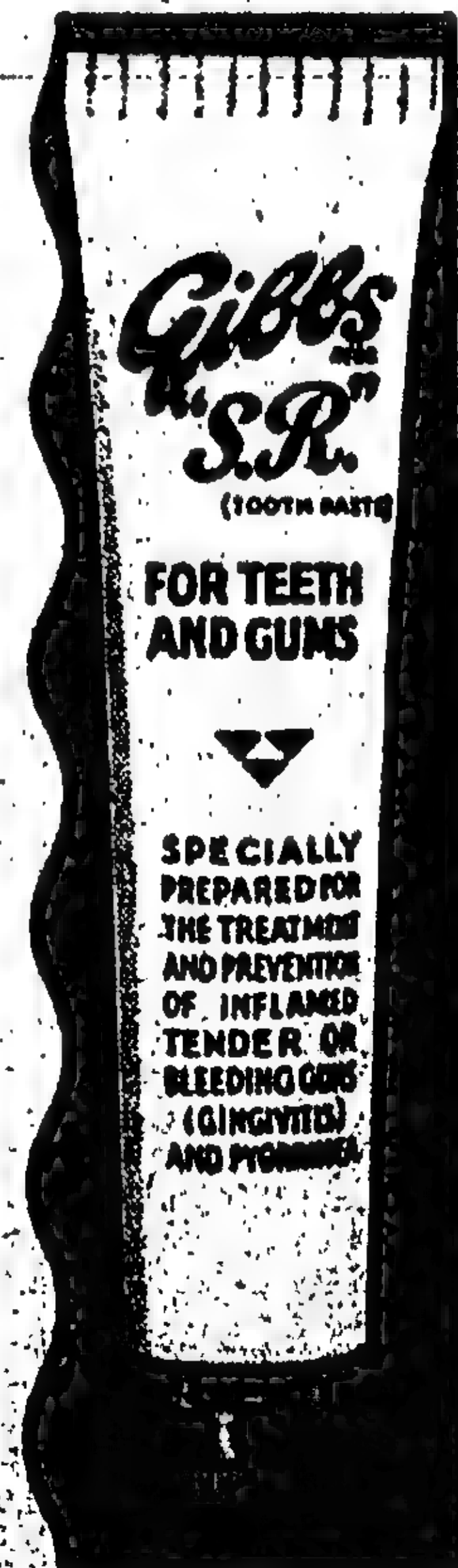
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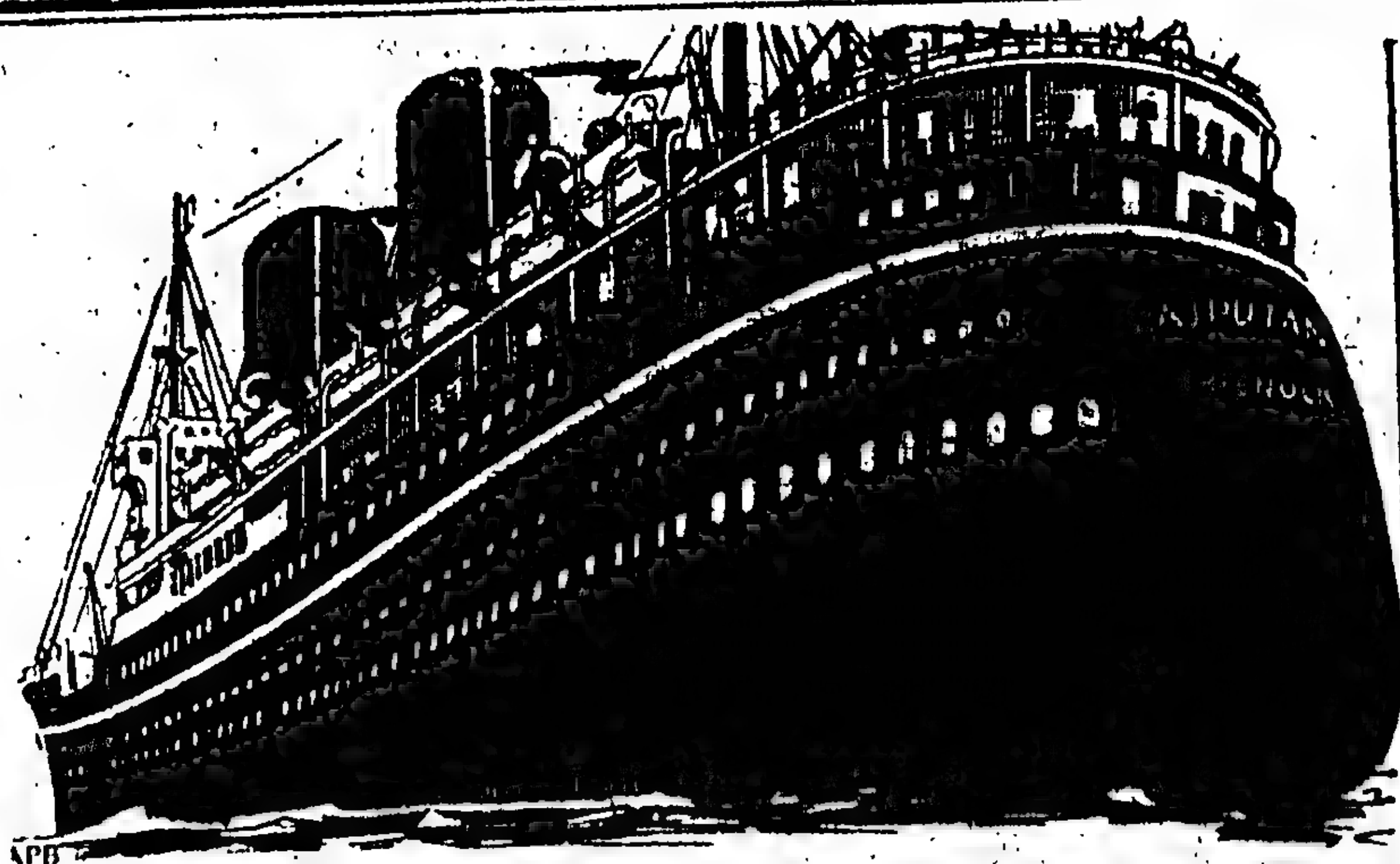
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Formosa	Canton Maru	April 12.
Manila	Empress of Canada	April 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Taiyuan	April 12.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 18th March and London Parcels—London date, 9th March	Carthage	April 12.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 5th April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 12.
Saigon	Laos	April 13.
Straits and Manila	Menestheus	April 13.
Saigon	Jean Laborde	April 13.
Java	Tjibadak	April 13.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 24th Mar.)	Pres. Taft	April 13.
Tientsin and Swatow	Yunnan	April 13.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Klungchow	April 13.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 18th Mar.)	Pres. Adams	April 14.
Shanghai and Amoy	Soochow	April 14.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th April	Pan-American Airways Plane	April 14.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	April 14.
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	April 14.
Swatow	Newchwang	April 14.
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Manila	Neptuna	April 15.

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For	Per	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY		
Swatow	Taisang	Wed., Apr. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy via Swatow	Anhui	Apr. 12, 2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY		
Canton	Canton Maru	Apr. 13, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Carthage	Apr. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Jean Laborde	Apr. 13, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Taksang	Thur., Apr. 13, 8.00 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Thur., Apr. 13, 8.30 p.m.
Airmail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 20th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thur., Apr. 13, 8.30 p.m.
G.P.O.		
Reg.,	Thur., Apr. 13, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord.,	Thur., Apr. 13, 5.30 p.m.	
K.P.O.		
Reg.,	Thur., Apr. 13, 5.00 p.m.	
Ord.,	Thur., Apr. 13, 7.00 p.m.	
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 22nd April	Imperial Airways Plane	Thur., Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
Reg.,	Apr. 13, 5.30 p.m.	
Ord.,	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.	
Canton	Canton Maru	Apr. 13, 7.15 a.m.
FRIDAY		
Manila	Pres. Adams	Apr. 14, 2.30 p.m.
Tientsin	Tingsang	Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., and (Parcels & Papers only for Canada)—due Vancouver B.C., 3rd May, and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Apr. 14.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	France Plane	Fri., Apr. 14.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.		
Par.,	Apr. 13, 5 p.m.	
Reg.,	Apr. 14, 9.15 a.m.	
Ord.,	Apr. 14, 10 a.m.	
K.P.O.		
Reg.,	Apr. 14, 5 p.m.	
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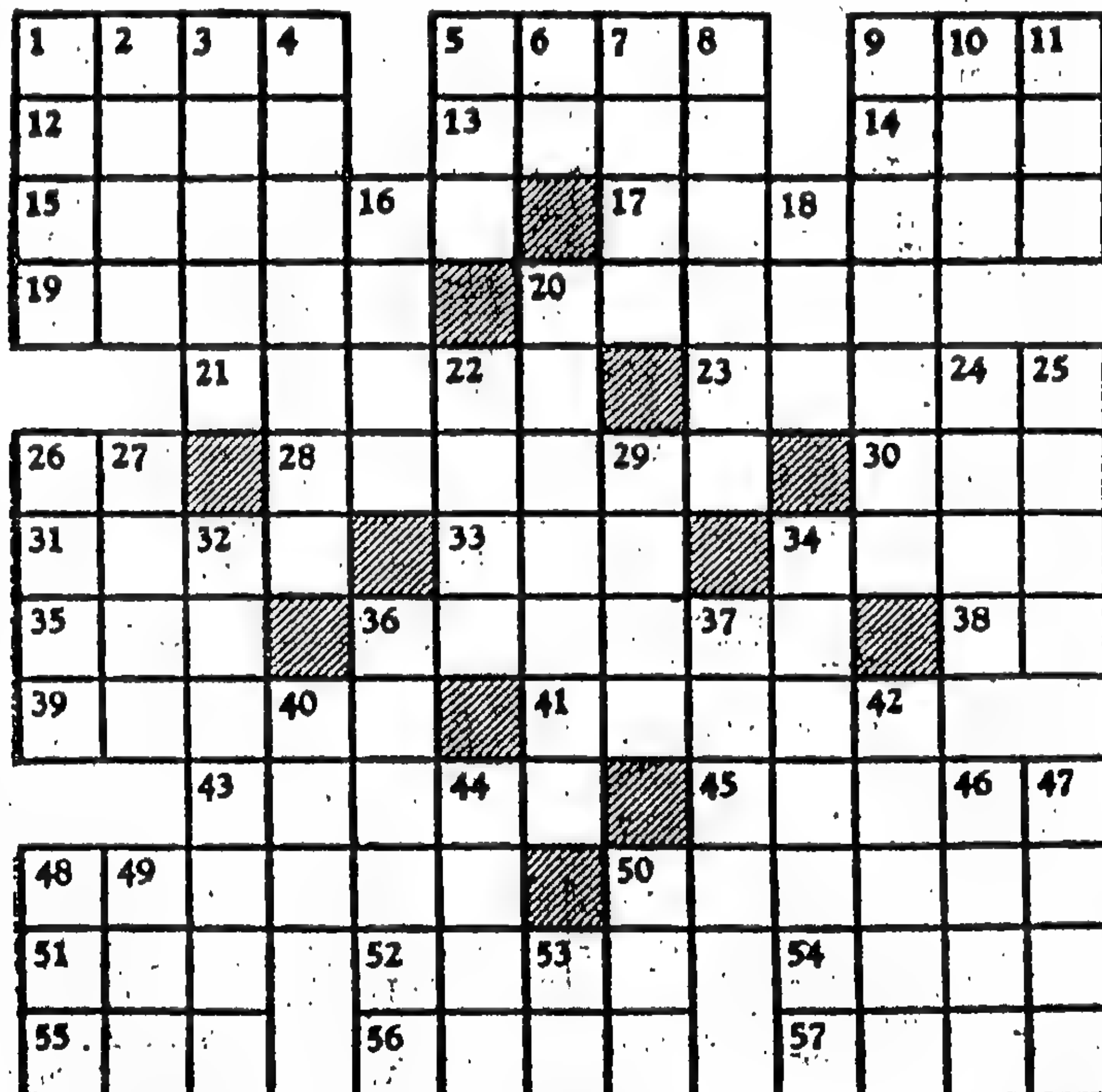
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- 1 Chatters
- 5 Brewers' yeast
- 9 American poet
- 12 To neglect
- 13 Ox of Celebes
- 14 Song
- 15 Heads of monasteries
- 17 Kind of salt
- 19 Sadness
- 20 Long-legged bird
- 21 Excess of solar year
- 23 Split
- 26 French article
- 28 Outbreak
- 30 Wing
- 31 Toward mouth
- 33 Chemical suffix
- 34 Animal fat
- 36 Manner
- 38 Forgetting
- 39 to Allate mountains
- 40 Because
- 41 Savage
- 42 Church
- 43 Was ill
- 45 Related through mother
- 48 Breathed fast
- 50 Tangled
- 51 To urge
- 52 Disappeared
- 54 Ireland

VERTICLE

- 1 To urge
- 2 Pulpitlike stand
- 3 Scriptures
- 4 Yielded
- 5 French: down
- 6 Article
- 7 Radix
- 8 Spit
- 9 Tableland
- 10 Grain seed
- 11 To stare at
- 16 Street car
- 18 Cloth measure
- 20 Dwarfed
- 22 To line roof
- 23 Small insect
- 25 Makes lace
- 26 Shaped mass
- 27 Lake port
- 29 River duck
- 32 To settle
- 34 Having aroma
- 36 To charge
- 37 Notion
- 40 Tale
- 42 Fixed relation
- 44 Biblical country
- 46 Not Mid
- 47 Shaded
- 48 Name
- 49 Consists
- 50 In the past
- 53 Symbol for nickel

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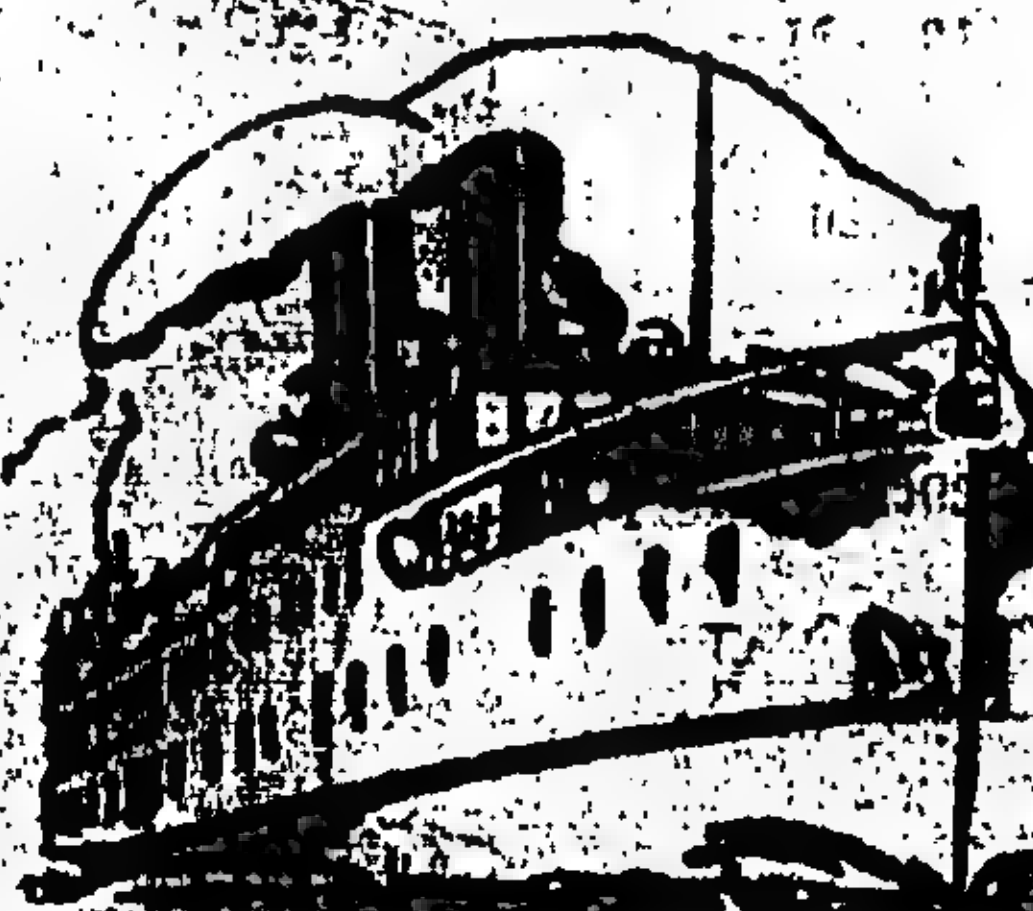
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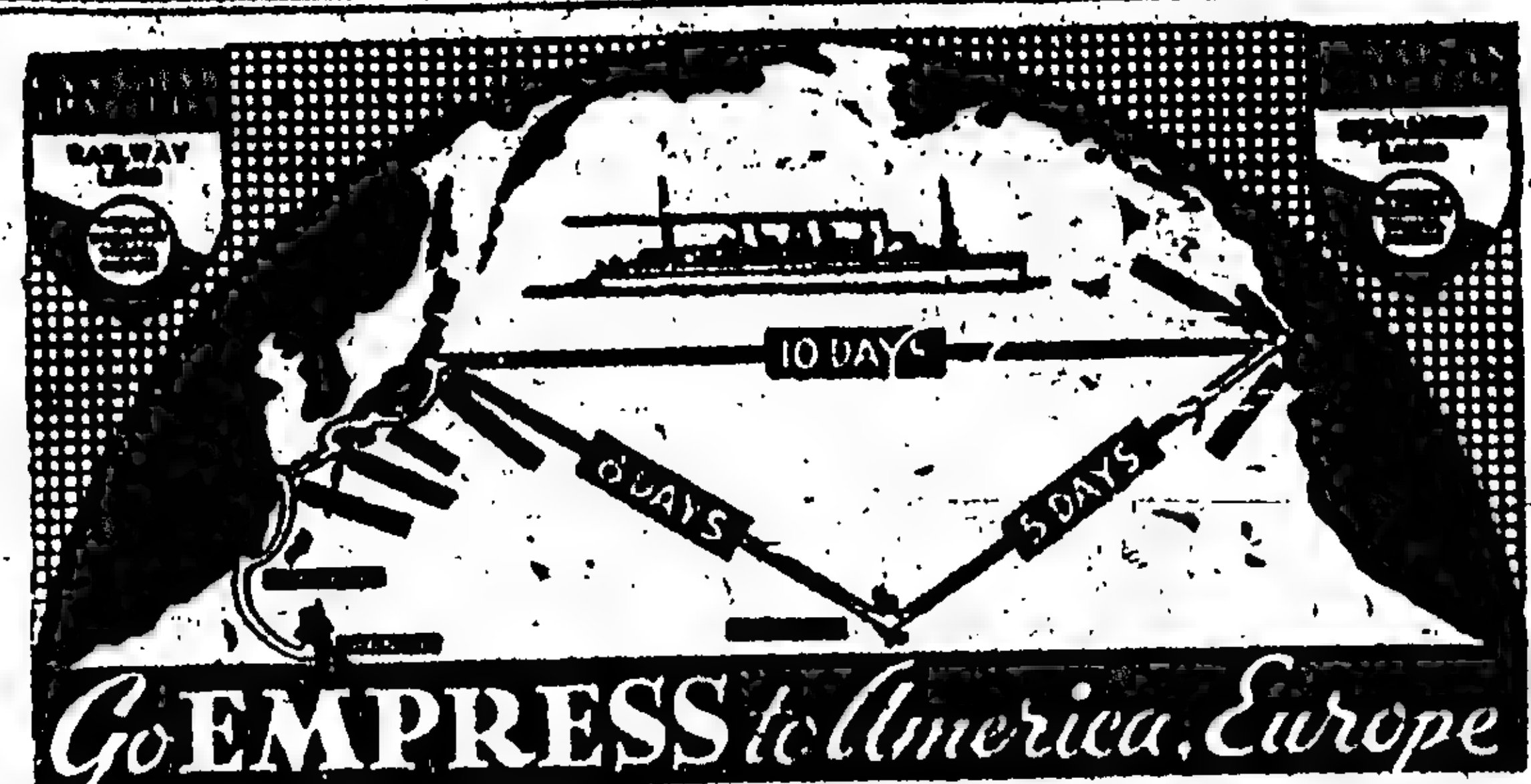
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The insurance in force increased to U.S.\$119,273,804.00. New premiums increase of 17.2 per cent. over the totalled U.S.\$329,404.00, showing an previous year. Total premiums, new and renewal, were U.S.\$4,431,450.00, an increase of U.S.\$260,633.72 or 6.2 per cent. over the previous year.

Favourite rate of mortality experienced by the Company was low, being 55 per cent. of the expected.

Disbursements to the company's policyholders during 1938, exclusive of policy loans, total U.S.\$2,893,504.00. Since the organization of the company in 1906 the amount of benefits distributed in cash to policyholders and their beneficiaries total U.S.\$43,113,665.64.

Requests for surrenders and policy loans have been the lowest for many years past, and substantially lower than the previous year, which is indicative of continued general improvement in business condition.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-5/8.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20 and forward at 19-11/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6812 and the New York—London rate at £—U.S.\$4.68-1/8.

A sum of \$300 was stolen from the Hong Kong Jockey Club servant's quarters, between 6.20 and 9 a.m. yesterday morning.

MACAO LIGHT PROFITS

A very satisfactory year's working, during which a net profit of \$197,619.24 was made and the bank overdraft reduced by almost two lakhs, was revealed at the annual meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Company this morning.

Those present included Messrs. F. J. Gellion, (chairman) Henrique Nolasco, and Wong Yu-chiu (directors) Mr. M. M. Watson, representing Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Masters (secretaries) and Messrs. A. B. Rayworth and A. Ritchie (shareholders).

The Chairman said that after providing for depreciation the sum of \$95,415.20, there remained a net profit for the year of \$197,619.24 which, together with the sum of \$105,887.48 brought forward from last year, made a total of \$303,506.72 for appropriation.

"With this, it is proposed to pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 90,000 shares, absorbing \$112,500; to pay to the Government of Macao 5 per cent. on the amount distributed as dividend as per Clause 15 of the Concessionary Contract, absorbing \$5,625; to transfer to General Reserve the amount of \$50,000; and to carry forward for next year's account the sum of \$135,381.72.

"I am very pleased to say that the year under review met with our expectations, when the total Kwh. sold increased by 15 per cent. and the number of consumers by 10 per cent.

The Company's Plant and Equipment has given every satisfaction and has been maintained in a high state of efficiency.

The accounts were approved. Mr. N. G. Beale was unanimously re-elected a director, while Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE

Two clothmakers, Lok Sui-wah, 30, and Lok Kwai-ming, 18, were charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, with robbery with violence.

It was alleged that defendants held up a Chinese, Wu To, at a path between the Hong Kong Jockey Club stables and Tai Hang Road, and escaped with the sum of \$180 in Hong Kong currency, a silver pocket watch and a wallet.

Defendants were remanded three days for further enquiries.

Detective-Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkins is in charge of the case.

ARMED ROBBERY

Three houses in Sheung Shui district were raided by five robbers at about 1.30 a.m. this morning, who escaped with a haul of money and jewellery to the value of \$851.

It was stated that the men, armed with revolvers and daggers, entered the houses of To Yung, 65, unemployed, Kwok Lin-chi, 63, married woman and Lai Chi-tong, a spinster.

The alleged robbers fled towards Tai Po.

READY FOR EMERGENCIES

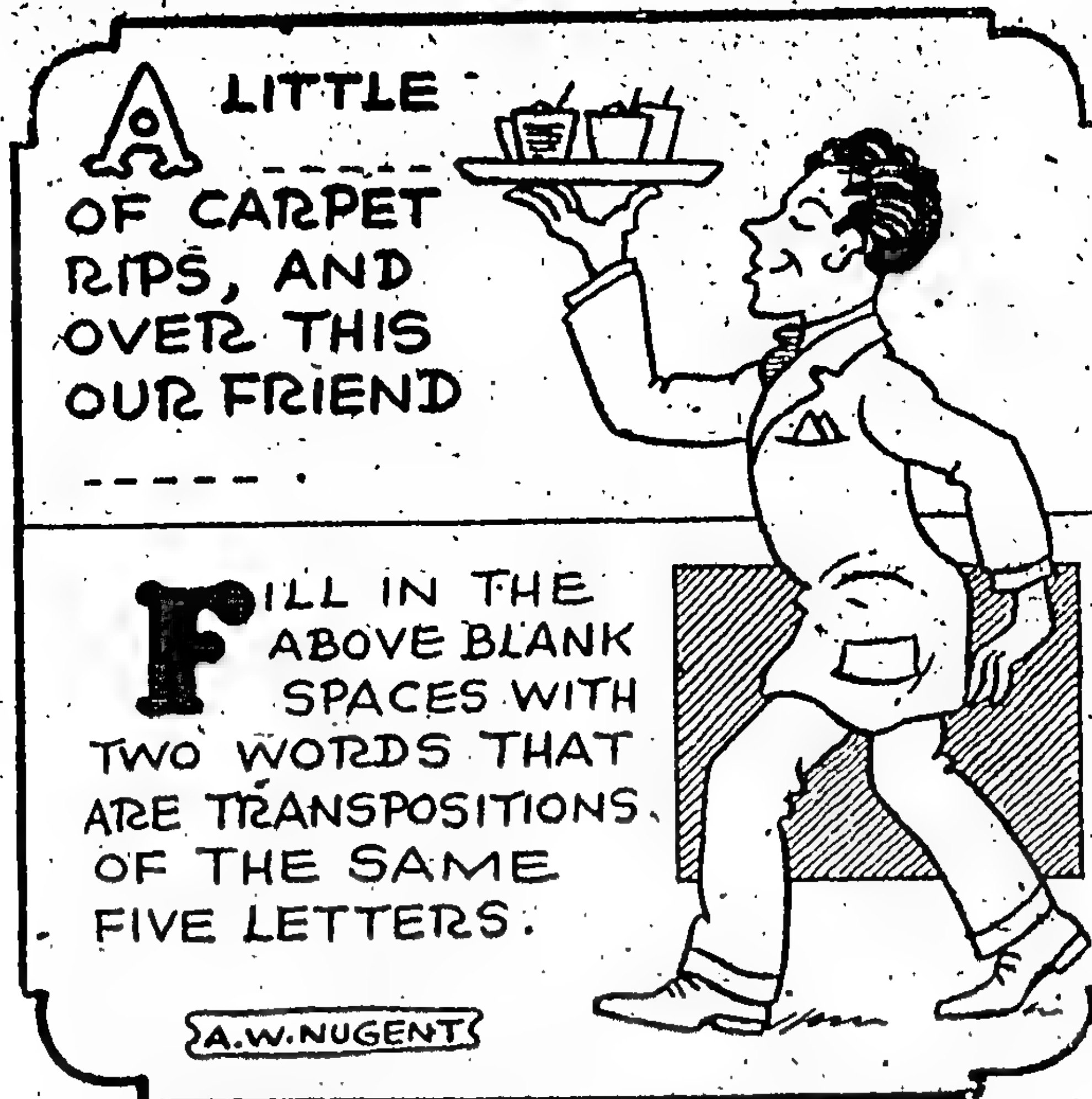
Presiding at the Forty-second Annual General Meeting of Bovril Ltd., in London, the Lord Luke, K.B.E. (Chairman), after dealing with the Company's Accounts said he was on the high seas on his way home from America during the crisis last September, and on his arrival home noticed in the papers a photograph of various food products that had been collected for sale for charity. They were termed "hoarded goods" and there seemed to be more bottles of Bovril than any other product in the photograph. This was not surprising, but what was very surprising was that it should be considered hoarding for the housekeeper to purchase an extra stock of Bovril, unless she had done so in a hurry at the last minute. The kind of hoarding which was objectionable was obviously that last-minute rush, when a crisis arrived, to buy up and hoard away a large stock. On the other hand, to buy a reasonable stock of Bovril before a crisis arrived seemed a proper thing to do. Those who purchased Bovril for a period ahead were actually leaving more chance in a crisis for those who had not got what was available in the shops.

BOVRIL FOR EMERGENCIES

In September last year, Bovril and its associates had in England about two years' normal sales supply. At a time of crisis, however, it was obviously more difficult to cope with last-minute demands. Those, therefore, who were wise would see to it that they obtained extra supplies before a time of crisis and that they maintained these extra supplies in their store cupboards. Actually to-day the Company's supplies were even larger than they were in September last year and the Company was therefore capable of providing extra supplies, without dislocating normal distribution, for all those wise people who wished to have stocks of Bovril in store.

In spite of the disturbed conditions of the world's trade, the

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Fred, Ed, James, Ernest, Thomas and Mat.

Bovril export trade showed an increase over the previous year.

DUKE OF ATHOLL'S REMARKS

The Duke of Atholl (Vice-chairman), said: The world was in a terrible state, morally, financially, and commercially, but the Company's product had won right through during these difficult times because it was a genuine article, easy to handle, kept well, and incidentally, he supposed, it was about the greatest comfort in times of adversity.

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CRICKET NOTES

B.C. FAY AND POPE WERE KEPT ON TOO LONG

An Earlier Change Might Have Broken Stand

McKENZIE WINS VITAL GAME FOR KOWLOON C.C.

(By "ADREM")

WHEN Kowloon Cricket Club, playing in their all-important match with Police Recreation Club in the Junior Cricket League on Saturday were halfway through their innings, their supporters must have been very chary of their prospects of scoring a win and thus securing the shield.

That they were successful was due in no small measure to the efforts of left-hander W. L. McKenzie, who contributed an exceedingly valuable innings of 32 at a vital period of the game when K.C.C. had lost 5 wickets for only 15 runs.

This state of affairs was brought about, not as it might have been supposed, through the over-anxiety of the early K.C.C. batsmen, but by the really brilliant bowling of Fay and Pope.

The former was in splendid form. There was a stiffish cross-wind blowing, which, from his point of view, was just what the doctor ordered! Pitching on or outside the leg-stump, he swung away considerably to the off.

F. A. Broadbridge, who opened, was his first victim, being l.b.w. I have heard doubts expressed as to whether he actually was out. From the pavilion, Broadbridge appeared to be playing his stroke for a ball outside the leg-stump.

Similar Ball

However, having regard to the fact that Fay was swinging and that T. A.

Madar was clean bowled whilst playing an almost identical stroke, I don't think there could have been very much in it.

Mulcahy was Fay's third victim—also by the clean-bowled route—and B. D. Lay, of whom so much was expected, was bowled neck and crop by a magnificent ball from Pope.

With Gray and McKenzie in at about 2.25, the game slowed up. Although Gray made isolated attempts to get Fay away, McKenzie, very rightly, refused to take any semblance of a chance.

With neither batsman ever looking like getting out, many thought Carey, the Police skipper, would have rung the changes.

This he did not do and it was not until the score had been advanced to 53 was the partnership broken, after Carey himself had relieved Fay. Gray tried to hit an overpitched ball out of the ground, mistimed, and was safely held by Pope.

Joined by Taylor, McKenzie carried on the good work had when Arthur

SOFTBALL FIGURES

Owing to pressure on space, softball fielding averages by "Grandstand" have been held over and will appear in to-morrow's issues.

Dand, making one of his rare appearances, later made a useful 14 not out, the score finally reached 104, a seemingly impossible project at one time.

Fine Bowling

Fay bowled very steadily as his analysis (15-7-23-3) suggests, while Pope also did good work. Carey's analysis was inclined to flatter him but Stephens rendered his side a useful service when he bowled McKenzie when that batsman was very set.

Police never really looked like getting the runs at any time. McKenzie and Taylor bowled very steadily and Lay, judiciously used by Mulcahy, took two extremely useful wickets in Fay and Loughlin. The ball with which he bowled the former was a beauty and would probably have been too good for anyone in the League.

Stephens and Pope stayed together for a bit but when McKenzie beat Stephens with a snorter, there was never much more to it and K.C.C. had won the League for the second time in three years.

Recreio juniors broke their sequence of defeats and convincingly beat Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo.

There was really nothing of note in the game, it being essentially a Gosano family affair!

A. V. Gosano bowled very steadily when I.R.C. batted and took 4 for 16 in 13 overs, while his younger brother "G. N." helped to finish off the innings by taking three quick wickets.

Recreio knocked off the 67 runs required for victory for the loss of only one wicket, all three men who batted, H. M. Xavier, A. J. M. Prata and G. N. Gosano, making useful scores.

Two Friendlies

Only two friendly matches were played on Saturday, both of them proving fairly interesting.

At Sookunpoo, the powerful Middlesex Regiment, scored a narrow victory over an Army side. The latter cannot be said to be really representative of the Army as at least five Middlesex men usually turn out for them.

The Army side, batting first, gave a sorry exhibition against some steady bowling and were forced to declare with only 107 runs on the board and 8 wickets down. To this total Spr. Bailey contributed 22 and Major Swyers 21, both being undefeated.

Patterson took 3 for 28, while Painter captured 4 for 32.

Middlesex found runs no easier to secure and they had lost nine wickets before they scored the 108 runs they needed to win. Lt. Weedon and Pte. Jones were the highest scorers.

Lees Saves Navy

Over at Cox's Road, Navy, who were well beaten by K.C.C. in their League match, maintained their 100 per cent. record for friendlies against the Kowloon team and won an interesting game by 42 runs.

For this success they have to thank Comdr. Lees for a really splendid knock of 87.

The Navy side, on paper, was a good one, especially in the batting department. However, Chapman, after shaping well, had a bang at a length ball from Baxter and was bowled. Whitmarsh hit over a yorker from the same bowler with the same result and Manners was brilliantly held in the slips by R. T. Broadbridge.

Then came Lees. Subdued at the outset—he had to be—he later opened up and scored attractively all round the wicket. He hit one glorious six off Robbie Lee which cleared the screen and landed in the middle of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and, in all, hit two sixes and 11 fours.

Baxter, although a trifle erratic in

K.C.C. 2ND XI LEAGUE RECORD

The following are complete statistics on Kowloon Cricket Club Juniors for their League season:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
9	5	0	4	19

K.C.C. scored 1142 runs for 60 wickets giving an average of 19.03; their opponents scored 1168 runs for 72 wickets for an average of 14.98.

BATTING AVERAGES

Batsman	Inns.	H.S.	Out	Aggr.	Avg.
B. D. Lay	7	111	1	207	34.50
G. A. Goodban	6	59	1	142	23.40
T. A. Madar	5	55	1	100	25.00
S. A. Gray	8	51	0	141	17.63
W. L. McKenzie	7	32	1	95	15.83
F. A. Broadbridge	8	21	1	94	13.43
W. Mulcahy	8	35	1	91	13.00
G. E. Taylor	8	21	1	83	11.86

The following also batted:—R. Baldwin (15, 14, 7, 4, 2, 1); R. A. J. Simpson (5*, 5*, 0*, 2); J. R. Luke (1*, 11, 2*); H. Brokenshire (1*, 1, 0); A. A. Dand (14*).

BOWLING AVERAGES

Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
W. L. McKenzie	64.3	6	205	23	8.91
R. A. J. Simpson	53	5	195	15	13.00
R. Baldwin	35	1	118	9	13.11
B. D. Lay	55.3	10	171	13	13.15
G. E. Taylor	46	9	164	10	16.40
J. R. Luke	39	6	134	3	44.67
J. G. Macfarlane	12-1-46-0				also bowled.

FIELDING

The following held catches:—G. E. Taylor (4); F. A. Broadbridge (3); R. Baldwin (3); J. R. Luke (3); S. A. Gray (2); H. Brokenshire (2); B. D. Lay, W. L. McKenzie, R. A. J. Simpson, G. A. White and T. A. Madar.

A. A. Dand stumped one.

Derby Call-Over

London, To-day.

The following is the latest Derby call-over:—
10/1—Bluepeter, and Fox Club.
100/8—Rogerstone Castle, Fairstone and Casanova.
100/6—Triguero and Foxborough.
All offered.
20/1—Dhoti.
33/1—Fairchance and Toff.
Foxborough has fallen from the favourite's position following yesterday's defeat, when it finished seventh.—Reuter.

length, came off the wicket very fast and his flight proved disconcerting.

Kowloon started off well. F. J. Lay, of D.B.S., who came into the side at the last moment, shaped very soundly until he hit at an off ball from Finnie and was taken low down at cover by Manners.

Maintain's Promise

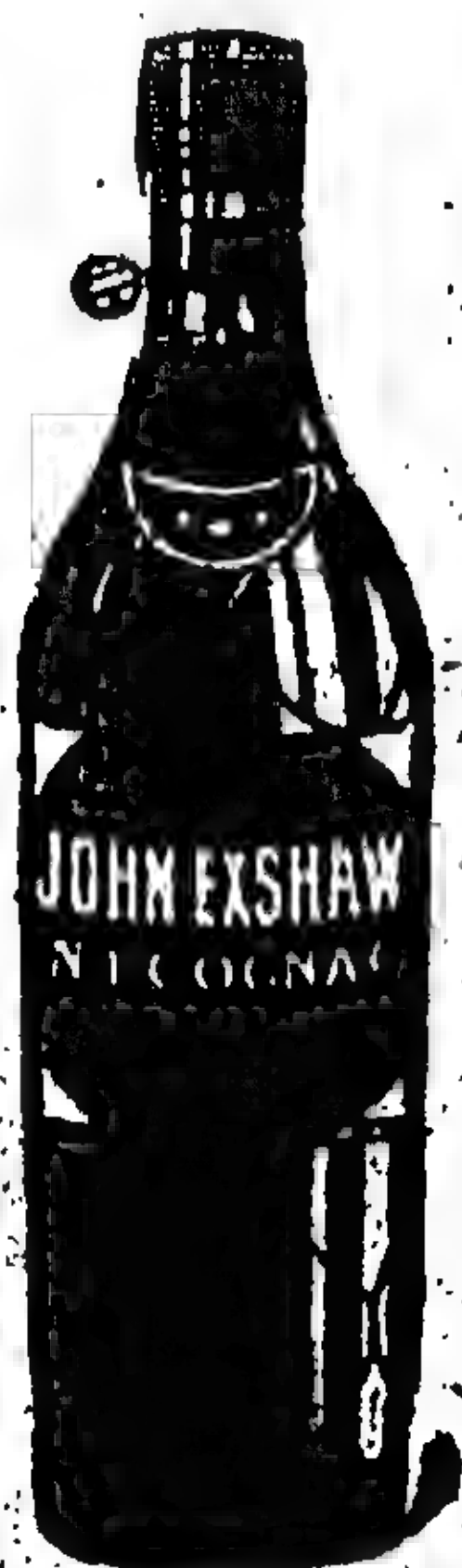
Anderson was bowled by a perfect ball from Christison who fully maintained the promise he had shown the previous week against Recreio. On the faster wicket, he was always difficult to play and fully deserved his three wickets.

Mackay made top-score for K.C.C. in a hurricane innings terminated by Paxton's better ball but thereafter only Baxter stayed there any length of time to make 19, chiefly on the leg side.

Paxton was not as good as his analysis (8-1-17-3) suggests, being much too inclined to be short.

The First meeting of the Council of the Lawn Bowls Association will be held this afternoon at 5.30 in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd.

The formation of the three divisions of the League will be decided upon, and also the provisional fixtures for the season.



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Messrs Pih And Raymond Ride Well

(By "RAPIER")

Brilliant sunshine favoured Hong Kong Jockey Club for their Second Extra Race Meeting during the Easter holidays, conditions for racing being delightfully ideal, with the inevitable result that attendance on both days surpassed all expectations.

Honours among jockeys were fairly evenly divided, with Mr. H. C. Pih scoring the most wins, followed by Mr. A. W. Raymond, who celebrated his return to riding after an accident with three well-judged victories. Mr. Proulx was prominent on Monday, and his win on Fei Ying was indeed a real surprise. The real glory of the meeting, however, went to Mr. S. L. Yuen, who brought in Discovery Bay for a grand win and the best dividend of the two days of racing.

DEKKO DISAPPOINTS

The first section of the Taiwan Bay Handicap over six furlongs, which was the opening event of the meeting, resulted in a not altogether surprising win for Double Chance. It was well ridden by Mr. Raymond.

Dekko, with Mr. Proulx up, was a painful failure. Made strong favourite, it ran unplaced.

The race started with Sylvandale (Mr. Coppin) taking the lead, followed by Dekko, and Double Chance, with Valorous (Mr. Ip Kui Yung) right in the middle. Coming into the straight, it became evident that the finish was going to be fought out between Sylvandale and Double Chance, with Dekko gradually fading out. A hundred yards from the post, Double Chance shot forward, and at this stage Valorous was seen to be coming up strongly, but its effort was of no avail, as Double Chance had secured too big a lead. Sylvandale just had the better of the argument against Ebony Idol for third position.

JENNIFER FAILS

The start of the Mirs Bay Handicap was in the nature of a procession, Mr. Proulx taking the lead on Jennifer. In its previous outings Lovely Star (Mr. Pan) invariably failed to start well, but on this occasion it simply shot forward like lightning, and at first it appeared as if it was quite capable of winning, but after passing the Rock it started to fall backward and made no further effort. In the meantime Mr. Pih was getting a ready response from Hectic View, and on coming into the straight it challenged Jennifer. These two fought out the finish, but the issue was settled long the post was reached, Hectic View running out an easy winner, with Jennifer having to be content with second place, and so marked the fall of another favourite.

MR. WEE'S FINE RIDING

Anticipations of a grand race in the Albury Handicap were not justified. Four "A" Class Australian ponies formed the opposition, and whilst I for one did not expect Lancashire

Chips to win so easily, I was, and I believe many others as well, were more than surprised with the feeble challenge made by Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa). The start saw all four ponies get away together, but it was not long before Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei) forged ahead, and when the home stretch was reached it was a clear two lengths in front of Lucky Lad, with Courting Eve (Mr. Pih) giving up the fight. It was later learned that Courting Eve had a recurrence of its previous trouble. Lancashire Chips went on to win, due principally to the clever manner in which it was handled by Mr. Wei.

A WORTHY CHAMPION

What was regarded as the main event of the day, the Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap over 1½ miles, provided a splendid encounter in which the new champion, Marksman, fully justified its reputation.

Carrying 165 lbs. and ridden with rare judgment by Mr. Needa, Marksman put up a grand performance.

The race started at a really slow pace, but it gradually became faster, and the finish was quite exciting, although Marksman had the race won at the mile post. Shortly after the start Mr. Encarnacao sent Rose Evelyn in front, and passing the winning post for the first time it had a commanding lead of several lengths. Gradually, however, the gap commenced to decrease, but coming into the home straight it was still leading comfortably and looked dangerous, especially when it is remembered that Rose Evelyn had on a previous occasion won a similar race carrying the same weight. Amidst great excitement, however, Mr. Needa called on Marksman to respond, and it did with gusto, step by step catching Rose Evelyn, and once it was in the lead the race was over. Ridden by Mr. Tao, Celtic Star took third place.

WELL-DESERVED WIN

The Hongham Bay Handicap, for "B" Class China ponies, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double," provided the best finish of the day, with the result in doubt right up to the end. For some reason or other, it became known that Conquering Time (Mr. Woo) was regarded as a certainty, and so well did it run that this opinion at one stage was likely to be justified. But good as Conquering Time performed, it had to reckon with two old stalwarts in Moonlight View and Rob Roy.

With a great burst of speed, Conquering Time took the lead, followed by Eve of Heaven, with Moonlight View and Rob Roy in the rear. This position was maintained until the bend was reached, when Moonlight started to assert itself, and it soon challenged Conquering Time. In the meantime Rob Roy was also coming up strongly, and these three ponies fought out a great finish, Moonlight View just managing to get its head in front of Rob Roy, with Conquering Time third. Had Mr. Encarnacao applied the whip a little earlier, he would have won, but Moonlight View's win was well-deserved.

ALMOST LOSES RACE

The Deep Bay Stakes over one mile, and ridden by novice jockeys, was the second leg of the "Daily Double," and it certainly provided a very interesting finish. The race started with Wild Bear (Mr. K. I. Ip) and Georgie (Mr. O. K. Sadick) fighting for the lead, with Phoenix (Mr. C. F. Chiu) the favourite content to remain slightly behind. The others were left far behind. Coming into the home stretch, Wild Bear was in the lead, but it was being strongly challenged by Phoenix, which took the lead in the last 10 lengths. Then to the surprise and consternation of onlookers, Mr.



Chiu seemed to stop riding, but realising the danger he urged Phoenix on and won a fine race, with Wild Bear second. Mr. Sadick had the satisfaction of paying out the best dividend of the day on Georgie, coming in third.

FLYING START

In the Rosehill Stakes over six furlongs, which was confined to Australian ponies of this season that had not won more than \$1,000 in stakes, betting was distributed between A Roaring Time (Mr. Needa), Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black) and Rising Star (Mr. Raymond) with the first named having the most support. Like a flash Rising Star (Mr. Raymond) was off the mark, and by the time Murrumbidgee got moving Mr. Raymond was well in front, whereas A Roaring Time was left behind. Mr. Black called on his mount to respond early on in the race, and with another few lengths to go it might have won.

MR. HEARNE HURT

The ninth race furnished the one and only mishap of the two days of racing. It is difficult to find out what actually happened, but to the surprise of all, Mr. Hearne was seen to fall, and by remaining on the ground, it led to rumours that he was badly hurt. It was later learned that when he was on the ground, the pony, Whalsey kicked him on the head, and he had to be carried back to the Jockey Room for treatment. The motor ambulance was not in attendance at that particular moment, and it was left to St. John's Ambulance Brigade to perform a meritorious service.

The race itself was quite interesting, with several ponies bunched together, and it was not until the mile post was reached that Tribute (Mr. Tao) asserted itself, winning a grand race from Racing Boy (Mr. Chanson), with Meteor (Mr. Churchill) third.

Monday's Races

The day started with a fine race in the Easter Stakes, Carrying 168 lbs. Rose Elect (Mr. Encarnacao) won this important event, but it did not have its own way as was at first expected. Rose Elect took the lead, but Mr. Black on Bear Claw was determined not to allow it to get too far ahead, with the result that Bear Claw was no more than two lengths behind Rose Elect practically the whole way round. Great excitement prevailed when it was seen that Bear Claw was slowly catching Rose Elect, but the latter pony had a little more in reserve and won, but not by a big margin.

The time for the distance was 1.55, which equalled the record previously set by Diana Bay.

On being led in after coming third, it was noticed that King's Warden was limping slightly.

DERBY DAY WINS

The second race was a well-contested event in which Derby Day justified expectations by winning the Calliope Handicap from the 1½-mile post. It took the lead, followed by Vixen Tor and Criffel, which was ridden for the first time by Mr. Encarnacao. Once Derby Day took the lead, however, it remained in front right up to the end, with Vixen Tor second and Criffel third.

MR. PROULX'S GOOD RIDE

Carrying 168 lbs. Jennifer did extremely well to win the Kellett Handicap, due principally to the handling of its jockey, Mr. Proulx. The finish was quite interesting, with King Kong (Mr. Raymond) making a great effort, while trailing behind for third place was Rose Emily (Mr. Poy).

This pony will bear watching, and the next time it is taken out by Mr. Encarnacao it will probably win.

Tremendous excitement prevailed in the Coolgardie Stakes over one mile, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double." In view of the fine performance on Saturday, Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black) was made the favourite, and here again a hot start was reasonable for its debut. Amber II (Mr. Ip Kui Yung) ran off with a big lead, but it had no finish, and coming

into the straight, National Victory (Mr. Chanson) was well in the lead. Murrumbidgee came along with a great burst of speed, but to no avail, and I later learned that the pony had gone lame again.

To the amusement of the crowd, Mr. Black had to walk back to the weighing in room, with Mr. Walker, the asst. stable manager, giving him moral support!

WILBER SURPRISES

The second leg of the "Daily Double" provided Marber Stable with their first win on Wilber, which was cleverly ridden by Mr. Raymond. On Saturday, Wilber put up a very poor show, but on Monday it was apparently an entirely different pony. Its win was quite spectacular, as it only shot forward 10 lengths from the post, to beat Green Bay (Mr. Tao), leaving Welcome (Mr. Chao) to fill third place.

Then came the first great shock of the meeting, and what a dividend the winner paid. Ridden by Mr. S. L. Yuen, Discovery Bay took advantage of the light burden of only 140 lbs. by taking a lead which it maintained to the end.

Its stable companion, A Great Time, with Mr. T. Y. Woo up, made a great effort to beat Discovery Bay, but it was no use, as the latter was still running strongly at the end.

Discovery Bay's win paid out \$434.00, and \$75.50 for a place. Macquarie River (Mr. Wei) also paid well for its third position.

Hardly had punters recovered from the shock of the previous race, then they were called on to swallow another bitter pill in the second section of the Boa Vista Handicap. This time it was left to Mr. Proulx to cause the upset on Fei Ying. I certainly expected Racing Boy (Mr. Chanson) and Tempest (Mr. Encarnacao) to do better, but Fei Ying brought off a great win, much to the satisfaction of those who backed it, as they were paid no less than \$155.00 for their foresight.

Remaining Local Soccer Fixtures

The following are the remaining games of the Local Football season which will officially close on Sunday April 23.

TO-DAY

2nd Division, Runners-up play off
5th A.A. Regt. v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Marriott.

SATURDAY

First Division

Navy v South China "A"
(Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Clarke.

Linesmen:—Baker and Horlock.

SUNDAY

Sunday Herald International Charity Cup (Final)
China v Portugal
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

Referee:—Goss.
Linesmen:—Clarke and Hinchliffe.

SATURDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1939
Kotewall Charity Cup Competition
South China v Navy
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

Referee:—Ford.
Linesmen:—Adam and Edwards.

SUNDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1939
Champions (1st Div.) v Best of Colony
35 minutes each half. If necessary 10 minutes extra time each half.

HUDDERSFIELD'S SUCCESS

London, To-day.

The following were the results of league matches played yesterday.

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa 2 Wolves 2
Huddersfield 2 Grimsby 0
Leicester 5 Middlesbrough 3

SECOND DIVISION

Bradford 1 West Ham 2
Coventry 2 Norwich 0

BADMINTON FINALS

The following finals will be played in the Colony Badminton Championships at Club de Recreio to-night:—

Junior Singles (8.30 p.m.)

S. H. Boone v D. Kwok.

Mixed Doubles

P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo v M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva.

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its second Annual Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday, April 30.

There will be a 400-Metre Relay Race open to the colony, and those teams that desire to participate should send in their names before April 20 to Mr. Tam Sik-poon c/o "South China Morning Post."

A 100-Metre Race will be held specially for people working in the Press (English and Chinese)—Post Entries only.

F.A. Cup

Four Goals By Westcott

Injury Ruins Any Chances Grimsby May Have Had

Mounted Police Control Huge Crowd.

WOLVES 5 **GRIMSBY T. . . . 0**

MOUNTED policemen were necessary to control the huge crowd at Old Trafford, Manchester. The police were inside the ground as well as outside, and they rode around the pitch keeping the surging spectators from the field of play. Half an hour before the start there were 70,000 present. Several of the gates on the "popular" side were closed, and there were numerous ambulance cases.

Grimsby were the first to attack, and a free-kick by Boyd from just outside the penalty area threatened danger. Wolverhampton retaliated, but Grimsby attacked again, and from another free-kick, this time by Vincent, Jones, the inside-left, headed narrowly over the Wolves' goal. For the first five minutes Moulson, Grimsby's goalkeeper, had nothing to do.

Almost without warning the sun went behind dull clouds, and a brief sleet storm swept the pitch. The change in the weather heralded a Wolverhampton attack. Galley, on the right, started the raid with a well-judged cross-pass to Mullen. The young winger failed at first to gather the ball, but he recovered and made a smart centre, only to see the Grimsby defenders scramble the ball away. Maintaining the pressure, Wolverhampton went close when Dorsett kicked powerfully, but high over the bar. Policemen had to move the crowd to allow Crack, of Grimsby, to take a corner-kick at the other end of the field.

Little had been seen of Westcott, who was closely marked by Betmead, and nearly twenty minutes passed before the Wolverhampton centre-forward could send in a dangerous shot, which, luckily for Grimsby, flashed wide of the post. Grimsby, with Jones and Beattie prompting the attack cleverly, did better than expected.

TURN OF THE TIDE

Moulson, after a quiet spell, came into the picture when Dorsett, allowed to go on from what appeared to be an off-side position, had only the Grimsby goal-keeper to beat. Moulson, however, daringly flung himself at Dorsett's feet and saved his goal. In doing so the two players collided, and both were injured and carried off. Hodgson, the left-back, went into the Grimsby goal.

The depleted sides fought with renewed vigour after the few minutes' break. When Grimsby attacked Betmead gave Howe a splendid through pass, but the centre-forward, who was clear of the backs, shot wide from ten yards' range. Morris, Taylor, and Cullis were called on time and again to repel the Grimsby attacks. Grimsby brought Buck to left back and Jones from inside-left to left half.



With only a quarter of an hour to go in their F.A. Cup Semi-Final at Highbury, Portsmouth staged a thrilling rally and scored two goals in five minutes to qualify to meet Wolverhampton Wanderers in the Final, at Wembley, on April 29. Photo shows—Pompey defenders smothering a Huddersfield attack just in front of the Portsmouth goal. (Copyright, Fox).

Westcott gave Wolverhampton the lead after thirty minutes. He and McIntosh took part in a quick passing move which baffled the rearranged Grimsby defence, and Westcott was left with Hodgson to beat. He did so coolly with a fast rising shot into the corner of the net. Dorsett, with his left knee bandaged, returned after being off the field a quarter of an hour.

Still a man short, Grimsby fought back valiantly. Another sleet storm in their faces did not help them, and Westcott scored again for Wolverhampton five minutes before the interval. He beat two defenders before leaving Hodgson standing with a well directed drive to the roof of the goal. Immediately afterwards Vincent headed off the Grimsby goal line from an effort by Gardiner.

FUTILE OFF-SIDE TACTICS

It was learned during the interval that Moulson was suffering from concussion and had been unconscious for some time. Grimsby resumed with plenty of fight, and Howe broke through. Then came a crowning blow to Grimsby's hopes. Westcott was unfairly brought down, and from the penalty Galley put Wolverhampton three goals in the lead.

A light fall of snow was the next trick of the fickle weather, and the quality of the football, never really good, fell away. Grimsby's forwards were always triers, and Boyd brought off another excellent dribble on the right. Crack, on the other wing, was hurt in taking one pass from Boyd, but he quickly recovered. Mullen did not have much work at outside-left for the Wanderers, yet almost each time he had the ball he used it to advantage.

Subsequently Grimsby resorted to off-side tactics to hold up their lively opponents. Westcott was twice caught, but he demonstrated his skill in one dribble when he rounded three opponents and missed scoring by inches with a hard shot. The overworking of Betmead gave the Wolverhampton leader a great deal of scope, and Hodgson did well to clear another strong effort from Westcott. Scott was by no means idle in the Wolverhampton goal. The danger to his charge came from optimistic long shots, rather than incisive drives from close range.

TWO QUICK GOALS

The game finished on a farcical note. Grimsby wilted in the closing minutes, and Westcott scored twice in 80 seconds. Mistaking the blast of the referee's whistle for the end of the match, a portion of the crowd encroached on the pitch, and two play-

SOCCER

Second Division Play-Off

The play off for the runners-up position in the Second Division of the Hong Kong Football League between the 5th A. A. Regiment, Royal Artillery and the Middlesex Regiment, will be played this afternoon at Sookunpoo at 3.30 p.m.

The game will be of 70 minutes duration but in the event of a draw at full time, 20 minutes extra time will be played.

The Gunners did remarkably well in the latter stages of the season to tie with the Middlesex and in view of the present showing should just win.

The Middlesex Regiment have always beaten 5th A. A. at Sookunpoo and are equally confident of winning again.

ers, similarly deceived, made for the players' room. They were quickly brought back and the game went on for a short while before the proper end came. This time the Wolverhampton supporters rushed across the field, and mounted and foot police had to clear a path for the teams.

Moulson, the injured Grimsby goalkeeper, was taken to Manchester Royal Infirmary after the match. He was still in a dazed condition and could remember nothing of what had happened.

Wolverhampton Wanderers—Scott; Morris, Taylor, Galley, Cullis, Gardiner; Maguire, McIntosh, Westcott, Dorsett, Mullen.

Grimsby Town—Moulson; Vincent, Hodgson; Hall, Betmead, Buck; Boyd, Beattie, Howe, Jones, Crack.

Footballers are just the same as sheep; the majority of them have very little brains and where one leads the others follow.—Bernard Joy, Derby County Manager.



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COLONY TENNIS

Crawford's Gallant Display

Tsui Yan-Pui Forced To Fight Hard For Final Set

DUFF AND PEARCE DISAPPOINT LARGE STAND COURT CROWD

(By "ADREM")

Yesterday's tennis at the Hong Kong Cricket Club proved quite eventful, not that there were any blatant upsets but because all the matches went such a long distance.

Strangely enough it was the Duff-Pearce and Ho Ka-lau-Lee Yu-wing encounter that was the first to conclude.

There were a great many spectators in the stand yesterday, more than at any other time this year. I have little doubt that they were there in the hopes of seeing something approaching the tennis served up on Thursday.

They were disappointed if they had that in mind! In strict contrast to that game, yesterday's was very tame. The whole match was over in some ten minutes less than the first set last Thursday took to complete.

The greatest surprise, when paper strengths are taken into consideration, was the fine showing of Alec Crawford, of Kowloon Cricket Club. Not only did he give Tsui Yan-pui a good game but he actually had him considerably worried in the final set and it would not have surprised a great deal if he had completed an afternoon's work by winning and causing the greatest upset of the last decade.

I must confess that I was among the many at the Cricket Club who chose the match on the Stand Court as the one to watch. The result was, I only saw the last set in Crawford's match.

Fighting Spirit

Early on it appeared that he had shot his bolt. Tsui was piling on pressure and quickly went to a 4-1 lead. Crawford then revealed a fighting streak in his make-up that must have surprised many.

Taking full advantage of the fact that his opponent was tiring, he started to carry the battle into the enemy camp. Dropping them short to get Tsui to the net, he scored quite a number of points with his passing shots.

He was able to draw from his considerable reserves at this period and covered a great deal of territory while making some really remarkable returns which might well have broken up a less seasoned player than Tsui.

After winning three games in a row to level the scores, however, he could get no further and Tsui won the set and the match at 6-4, and very glad, I'm sure he must have been, to have got away with it!

Missed Opportunity

On Number 8 Court, A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios, who, on the strength of their last two performances were highly thought of, fell before the onslaught of Lim Thian-tet and Stephen Wong.

Having won the first set, the Recreio pair had a great opportunity of clinching the issue in the second when they led 4-3. Overhauled, they still strove desperately to break through but their opponents hung on and went out at 9-7.

The last set was fairly evenly contested but the Chinese pair were always in front. Remedios' much-boosted service was made to look very innocuous and he lost it as often as he won!

I have left comment on the Stand Court game until last because that is where it ranks from a point of view of interest.

The British pair, down 1-3 in the first set, played well to go out at 5-7. Pearce's lobbing and general steadiness being a contributory factor.

From that time onward it was all

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Open Singles
Tsui Yun-pui beat A. Crawford 6-3, 6-8, 6-4. (Third Round).

Open Doubles
Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau beat T. A. Pearce and W. A. H. Duff (Stand Court) 5-7, 6-1, 6-3. (Second Round).

Lim Thian-tet and Stephen Wong beat A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios 1-6, 9-7, 6-3. (Third Round).

Club Championship
H. J. Armstrong beat Lt. J. S. Theobald 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Club Handicap Singles
L. Goldman (-30) beat T. J. Gould (-15) by 7-5, 6-3.

Handicap Mixed Doubles
H. J. Scull and Miss G. Scull (3.6) beat Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden (2.6) 6-2, 6-1.

W. Sander and Miss A. Tylor (-15) beat V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Shewan (-3.6) 6-1, 6-2.

Ho and Lee. They outclassed the opposition in all departments and only dropped a further two games in their path to the next round.

Duff Disappoints

Duff was a shadow of his real self yesterday and in no phase of the game did he show any consistency. His overhead, about which no such has been written, was deplorable, while his volleying and ground-shots produced more points for the other side than for himself.

Pearce was also bad. He played well enough in the first set but then developed an inferiority complex and ran miles in trying to keep out of the way of the ball!

Most consistent man on the court was Lee Yue-wing. His was a thoughtful and clever game. He mixed his forcing and defensive shots with rare skill and was very severe on anything loose.

Ho was his usual steady self. As on Thursday, his overhead was very convincing and he was quick to get back when in danger of being lobbed.

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNEY

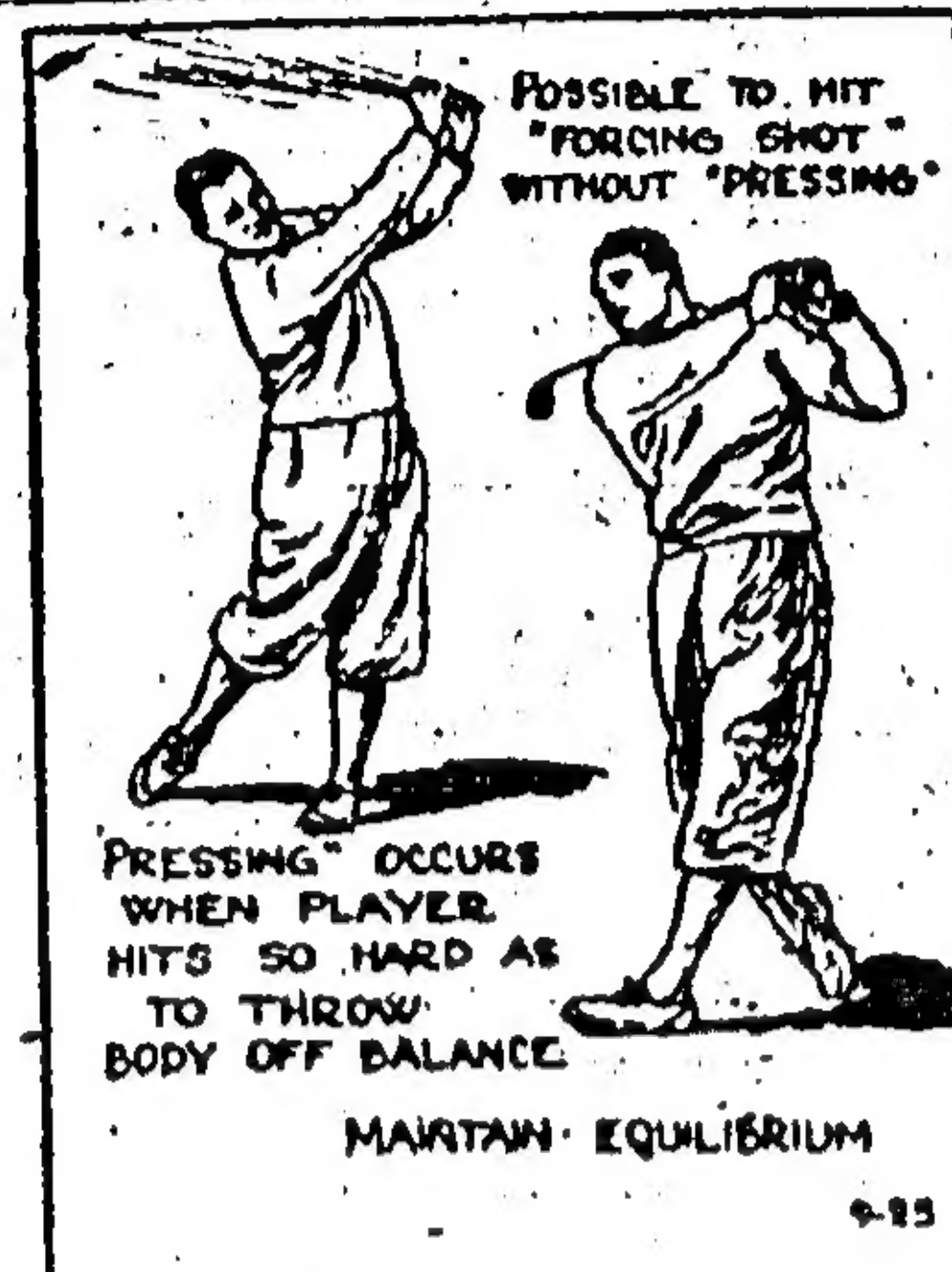
First matches in the International Hockey Tournament are due to be played this afternoon at King's Park commencing at 3.15 p.m.

At the moment it is only certain that two games will be played: England v Scotland (C.B.A. Ground) and India v China (Recreio Ground).

It is understood that The Continent and Wales have been forced to concede walk-overs to Portugal and Ireland respectively.

How Hard To Hit

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

The dangers of pressing have been so impressed on many of the average players that they hesitate to hit the shot hard. If anything they restrain their stroke which is a debatable procedure for many golfers. Walter Hagen among them, feel that there is greater danger in restraint than in letting the swing function in a normal manner. Certainly it would seem that curtailing the normal movement would tend to tie-up muscles which should work smoothly.

It is possible for a player to hit the ball to the limit of his ability and still not be guilty of pressing. The trick lies in maintaining one's balance throughout as the illustrations of Bobby Jones and Lawson Little above portray so capably.

LIM THIAN-TET INDISPOSED

Suffering from a high temperature last night, Lim Thian-tet will not be able to participate in the Doubles Tennis Championship this afternoon, so the fixture has accordingly, been postponed.

The following is this afternoon's programme:

Open Singles

I. M. A. Razack v. Lee Wai-tong (stand court).

Club Handicap Doubles

H. J. Scull and Comdr. H. T. Rust (+2.0) v. T. C. Moraghan and V. R. Gordon (-3.6) (2); H. D. Bidwell and A. T. Dow (-2.6) v. E. E. Story and J. J. Ferguson (-5.0) (4).

Handicap Mixed Doubles

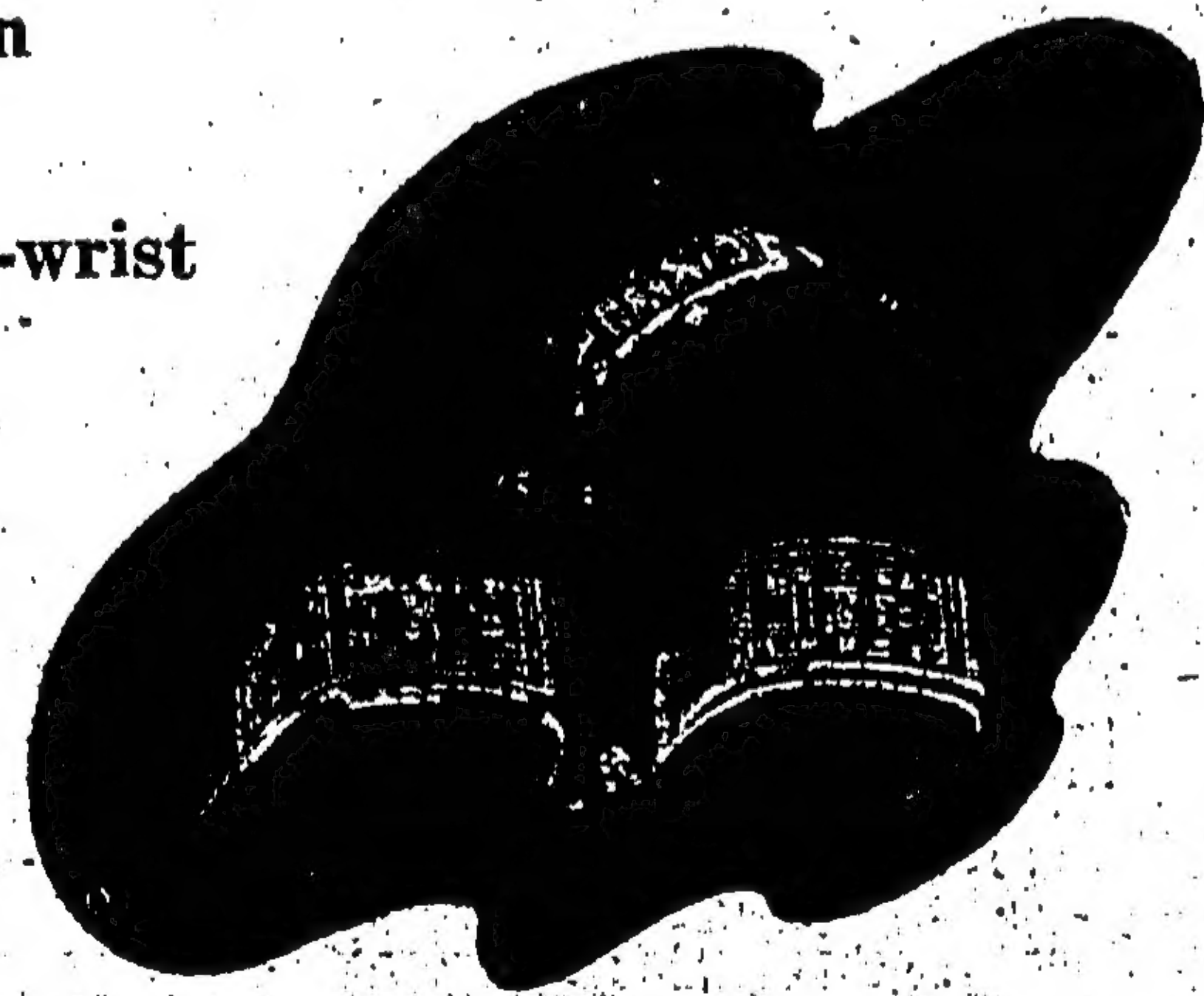
Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman (-15) v. Lt. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (-1.6) (3).

bly. Hitting with such an effort as to throw one off his feet and the stroke out of alignment should be avoided of course. However there is a happy medium between the curtailed stroke and the pressing shot called the "forcing" stroke which can be employed efficiently. The player will never gain control over such a stroke by restraint. He must get out on the practice tee and find out his own capabilities in the matter. Once he gains confidence in its use he is on his way to a lower score.

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Alice Faye (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
You Do The Darndest Things, Baby (film 'Harmony Parade').... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Mary Lee.
This Year's Kisses (film 'On the Avenue').... Sluiming On Park Avenue (film 'On the Avenue').... Alice Faye (Vocal) with Cy Feuer Orchestra.
Sweet As A Song—Fox-Trot (film 'Sally, Irene and Mary').... I Could Use A Dream—Fox-Trot (film 'Sally, Irene and Mary').... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.
It's Swell Of You (film 'Wake Up and Live').... Never In A Million Years (film 'Wake Up and Live').... Alice Faye (Vocal) with Cy Feuer Orchestra.
On The Beach At Bali Bali—Fox-Trot.... An Old Hawaiian Guitar—Fox-Trot.... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Denny Dennis.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.
Bubbling Over (Carroll Gibbons).... Carroll Gibbons (Piano).
Can't We Talk It Over (Washington & Young).... Now That You're Gone (Kahn & Fiorito).... Carroll Gibbons & His Boy Friends.

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Coronado—Selection; Thanks A Million—Selection; Love And Hisses—Film Selection; Manhattan Music Box—Film Selection.... Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.
1.30 p.m.—Router and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—New Variety Numbers.
Dance Orch.—Blue Skies Are Round The Corner—Slow Fox-Trot; One Man Went To Blow—Novelty Fox-Trot.... Henry Hall & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Pretty Polly Perkins Of Paddington Green (Traditional); Hot Codlings (Traditional).... The Gay Nineties Singers with Orchestra.
Organ—Lonely Road (Austin, Shilkret, arr. Waller); Water Boy (arr. Waller).... "Fats" Waller.
Vocal—Embrace-Moi (Pills & A. & G. Tabet); Je T'Aime (Pills & A. & G. Tabet).... Lucienne Boyer with Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—Love Doesn't Grow On Trees—Fox-Trot (film 'A Song Is Born'); Tell Me With Your Kisses

—Fox-Trot.... Gene Krupa & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Irene Daye.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata In B Flat Major, Op. 22. Played by Artur Schnabel (Piano).
6.26 p.m.—Haydn—Quartet In G Major, Op. 64, No. 4.... Pro Arte Quartet (Onnou-Halloux-Prevost-Maas).
6.45 p.m.—London Relay — 'Up The Stairs Of April'. A Springtime Mosaic devised by Kathleen M. MacLeod. 'Up the stairs of April and of May the hot sun climbeth to the summer's noon'. Production by Howard Rose.
7.05 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.07 p.m.—A programme of Eric Coates music including his 'Springtime Suite'.
Springtime Suite: 1. Fresh Morning (Pastorale); 2. Noonday Song (Romance); 3. Dance In The Twilight (Valse).
The Fairy Tales Of Ireland.... Essie Ackland (Contralto).
For Your Delight—Serenade.... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by The Composer.
I Heard You Singing.... Alfred Piccaver (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment.
"London Again" Suite: 1. Oxford Street; 2. Langham Place.... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crenn.
A House, Love Made For You And Me.... Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) with Cello, Oboe and Piano.
7.40 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—My Walking Stick (film 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'); Now It Can Be Told—Fox-Trot (film 'Alexander's Ragtime Band').... Ray Noble & His Orchestra with Tony Martin (Vocal).

Beethoven Sonata In B Flat Major: Arthur Schnabel

Fox-Trots—Nola; Parade Of The Tin Soldiers.... Rawicz and Landauer (Piano Duettists).
Tangos—Vieja Amiga; La Malena.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Drinking Songs (arr. Williams); "Anything Goes" Selection (Cole Porter); The Fleet's In Port Again—Fox-Trot (O-Kay for Sound); Free—Fox-Trot (O-Kay for Sound); Yours Truly Is Truly Yours—Fox-Trot.... with Vocal Refrains.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay — 'At The Black Dog'. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour.
9 p.m.—London Relay — 'Empire Exchange'. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions & Colonies.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Piano Selections.
Valse In E Major, Op. 34 (Moszkowski).... Arthur De Greef.
Scherzo No. 3 In C Sharp Minor, Op. 38 (Chopin).... Mischa (Levitzi).
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—Harold Ramsay at the Organ.
Famous Marches Medley. Intro: The Washington Post; Semper Fidelis; Hungarian March; Rodeo Parade; London Scottish; Gladiators Farewell.
Popular Melodies No. 3. Intro: Pennies from Heaven; In the Chapel in the Moonlight; Another perfect night is ending.
10 p.m.—London Relay—'The Fol-De-Rols'. In a Song-and-Laugh Show Light-heartedly designed for all sorts and sizes of listeners—with a Smile and a Song for the High Brow, the Low Brow, and the No Brow. Written and presented by Greatrex Newman. Music by Wolsley Charles. The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra conducted by Charles Shadwell. Produced by Harry S. Pepper.
11 p.m.—Close down.

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♥ J 10 9 8
♦ A
♣ Q 8 4 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
2NT Pass Pass Pass

Mr. Albert L. Eddy of Worcester, Mass., sends us the above hand. He mentions the fact that in a recent nine-table Duplicate game it was played by North and South at the various contracts of one heart, one diamond, two diamonds and three, no trump, and that three notrump was made at one table on a spade opening and beaten at one table on a club opening.

According to our analysis the bidding should have been as shown. South should definitely have responded to his partner's one-heart opening, and North's re-bid should have been two notrump—not two diamonds (there is no point in bidding a lot of suits when you have a balanced hand and your partner bids notrump), and three notrump. After all, two notrump is a very strong invitation

to partner to bid three, but allows him to get off the hook with a weak hand.

Incidentally, in a Rubber Bridge game we would not criticise a jump to three notrump by North at all, but in Duplicate favour the more precise bid of two.

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ K J x x
♥ K J x x
♦ K 10 x x
♣ 10
Both sides were vulnerable and the bidding went:
Schenken Maier Burnstine Eddy
5♠ Db1. Pass 4♠
Pass 4♠ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. Your partner asked you to bid. Instead you have passed the buck back to him, but at the same time shown a strong hand. Since you have an almost certain club loser, you cannot afford to invite the Slam at this point.

Score 100% for pass; 50% for five spades, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 1
You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ 7 6 5
♥ 8 7 6 5 4
♦ 8 7 6 5 4
♣ x x x x

Your partner opens with one notrump. Next hand passes. What do you bid? (Answer to notrump).
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PEIPING, TO-DAY.
SIX POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE PEIPING COMMITTEE OF PACIFICATION, WERE KILLED IN KAIFENG, CAPITAL OF THE PROVINCE OF HONAN ON EASTER SUNDAY, WHEN UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS INVADED A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AND SHOT ALL SIX MEMBERS.

The seventh member escaped death owing to his absence from the meeting.

Japanese claim that the assassins were Chinese, who had managed to slip into the ranks of the Japanese troops in Kaifeng. None of them had been apprehended by this evening.

Those murdered included the chairman of the committee, General Hu Yun-kun, and a former high officer in the Manchurian army, General Fu Chuang-ying.

The Committee of Pacification was formed at the beginning of this year for the purpose of looking after Chinese soldiers who had decided to join the ranks of the new North-China Government.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.
The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr. Montagu Norman, returned yesterday from France

Berlin, To-day.

The British naval concentration in the Mediterranean is criticised by the German press.

The Lokal Anzeiger says that England continues to assume the authority of Prosecuting Attorney, Police Inspector and Judge of the world.

The "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" says that whenever Britain perceives a change in the order of things which might lead to a shifting of the balance of power, she declares that human rights are violated and demands a crusade against the culprit. Barefaced egoism lies behind British indignation over the Italian action.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALO-HUNGARIAN CONFERENCE

Rome, To-day.

The Hungarian Premier, Count Teleky, and the Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, will arrive in Rome on April 17 and will stay for three days. They will have important conferences with Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano.—Trans-Ocean.

where he has been on vacation.—Trans-Ocean.

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The "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" states that the frontier fortifications recently decided upon by Parliament are being hastily carried out.

Although nothing is known yet as to what the newly decided military measures will be, it is believed that they will include lengthening of the time of military service, strengthening of the Navy, as well as increasing the number of concrete shelters on the frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

FUGITIVES POURING TO MACAO

Macao, To-day.

Accommodation here is taxed to the limit. All hotels, hostels and boarding-houses are packed to capacity with refugees who are pouring in by the hundred from Chung-Shan and Shek-ki.

Buses are running all day in spite of the frequent appearance of Japanese aircraft.

This morning it was reported that Japanese warships started shelling small villages north-east of Shek-ki, but no landing was reported.—Our Own Correspondent.

Miss L. Erihenroum, of No. 3 Cameron Road, has reported that at about 8.50 a.m. yesterday, some person entered her bed room through an open window and stole a cigarette case valued at \$40.

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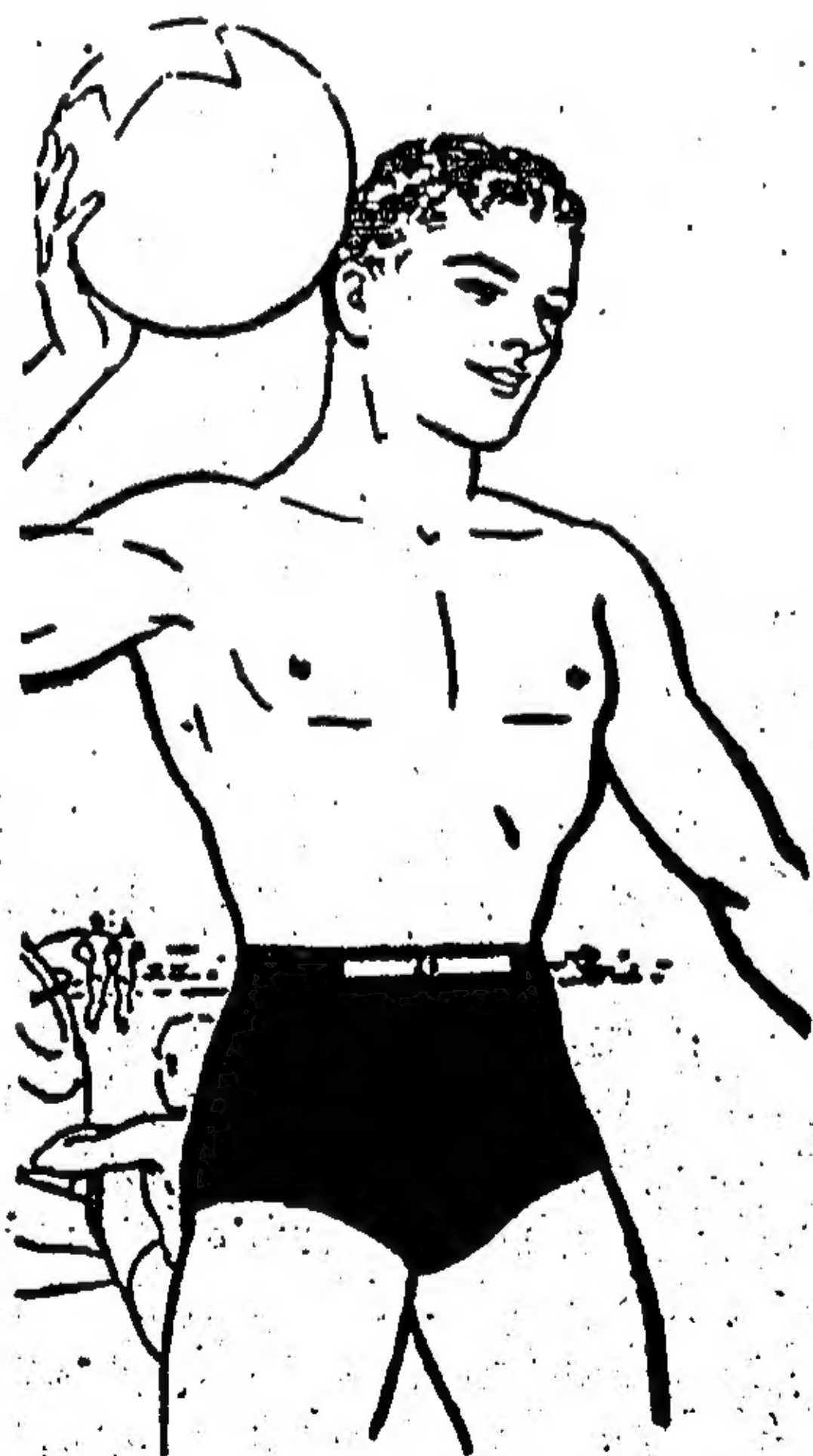
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